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ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS YEMENI PRINCES SAIF AL-ISLAM AND AL-RAHMAN, SON OF IMAM YAHYA, AND HIS SON HASAN BIN SAIF AL-ISLAM ALL ARRIVED RIYADH MORNING JAN 17 ABOARD SAUDI AIRCRAFT WITH YEMENI MINISTER TO SAUDI ARABIA. THEY WERE OFFICIALLY RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY SAUDI PRINCES HEADED BY GOVERNOR OF RIYADH PRINCE FAWWAZ. KING SAUD HONORED THEM WITH BANQUET THE EVENING OF THE 17TH.

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IMAM'S ADVISOR MOHAMMAD AL-WAZIR TOLD ME FEBRUARY 24 CROWN PRINCE BADR MAY GO TO ITALY TO UNDERGO TREATMENT FOR INFECTED EAR. CROWN PRINCE CONSIDERING LEAVING YEMEN IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS BY SHIP AND WOULD REMAIN ITALY ONE MONTH TO SIX WEEKS. AL-WAZIR SAID HE BELIEVED BADR CURRENTLY FEELING FRUSTRATED AND "LEFT OUT" IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BACKWASH OF SANAA. THIS REASON AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR BADR'S VISIT ITALY.

SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER FEASIBILITY INVITING CROWN PRINCE TO PROCEED US FROM ITALY FOLLOWING MEDICAL TREATMENT. BELIEVE THIS WOULD PROVIDE NATURAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND AVOID POSSIBILITY CROWN PRINCE OR IMAM MIGHT BE RELUCTANT ACCEPT SECOND MAJOR TRIP TO WEST FOR CROWN PRINCE WITHIN RELATIVELY SHORT SPACE OF TIME. BELIEVE ALSO INVITATION FOR OFFICIAL VISIT US EXTENDED TO CROWN PRINCE IN HIS PRESENT FRAME OF MIND COULD PAY US DIVIDENDS IN FUTURE.

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SENT DEPARTMENT UNNUMBERED, CAIRO, ROME UNNUMBERED

Crown Prince Badr and party including Muhammad Al-Wazir and two doctors, one Egyptian and one Italian, departed Hodeida February 26 by air for medical treatment of Badr's ear in Rome. Plane routed via Jidda and Beirut by Imam to avoid Cairo. Doctors expect treatment will require Crown Prince remain Italy about six weeks.

According reliable sources Hodeida Crown Prince in generally disgruntled state of mind, has joined Imam in criticizing Russian doctors and their methods and reject Russian offer take him to Moscow for treatment. Badr has indicated desire visit West Germany and Switzerland after treatment in Italy.

I agree with influential pro-Western GOY officials that present atmosphere of United States-Yemeni relations is particularly favorable and should be followed up promptly with United States gesture toward Crown Prince. Suggest Embassy Rome show Crown Prince all possible appropriate attention during his stay Italy. Suggest also explore possibility of inviting Crown Prince to United States after Italian visit for completed medical checkup at hospital such as Walter Reed. Checkup could be followed by arrangements for Crown Prince to call on President and Secretary and tour of selected United States places of interest. United States Government invitation to Badr approached from medical viewpoint has advantages of appearing spontaneous and perhaps reducing emphasis on additional United States economic assistance Crown Prince might otherwise be led to expect from United States visit. Best timing for United States visit would be late April or early May.

Request Department give most serious consideration to above proposals.

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Taiz unnumbered tele, dtd Feb. 27, rptd Cairo, Rome for info.

Dept concurs Taiz recommendation that Embassy Rome express appropriate interest in Crown Prince Badr's health during his stay in Italy. We believe, however, that this should be done discreetly and primarily through Italian FonOff. Occasional call on Badr by Embassy officer, arranged through FonOff, should also be helpful.

Dept and other interested US agencies are exploring what, if anything, might be done to arrange for a visit by Badr to the US after his treatment in Italy. Legation's suggestion that this be pegged on medical checkup at Walter Reed has drawback that it would doubtless give offense to Italian physicians who are now treating Badr and perhaps even to Italian Government. While some other reason might be found for unofficial visit, Dept believes it preferable that no rpt no encouragement be given to Badr at this time that an invitation to the US may be forthcoming.

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Press reports Crown Prince Badr of Yemen passed through
Jidda en route Beirut on board Yemeni aircraft arriving
here 1730 February 26. Badr stayed Jidda long enough
breakfast before continuing journey. Official greeters
included Minister Interior Prince Abd Al-Muhsin Bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Amir of Mecca Prince Abd Allah Bin Saud, Lebanese Ambassador
and Yemeni Minister.

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LEGTEL 5 to Rome, 281 to Department 125 to Cairo.

Aburnt Abu Talib of Foreign Office and family departing March 4 by air for Rome where his wife will deliver baby. Abu Talib said he had wished take wife to Beirut or Asmara but Imam ordered Rome "so you can be near my son" (i.e. Crown Prince).

Abu Talib is key pro-Western GOY official who always welcomes contacts with US officials. Legation would appreciate any appropriate attention paid by Embassy to Abu Talib as well as Crown Prince during their stay in Rome.

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Taiz telegram 284 sent Rome 6.

Dept hopes Embassy Rome will do what it deems appropriate
to be helpful Abu Talib, who has been most friendly to U.S.

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According well-informed Mecom employee HARRIZ Yemeni talk in Hodeida is that Crown Prince BADR's trip to Rome was arranged by Imam not only for medical treatment but also to "reorient his thinking and sense of direction." This information fits with that given me by Mohammad al MAZIR indicating Crown Prince currently feeling frustrated, confused and "left out" (reftel). Harriz was informed that Badr will be given wider powers upon his return to Yemen and that "final and supreme authority of Foreign Ministry will be in Sana'a."

West German Charge STEFFEN who has good Yemeni contacts has some information. He has cabled Bonn suggesting German Ambassador in Rome call on Badr to inquire re Crown Prince's travel plans after medical treatment and to encourage Badr to visit West Germany.

Comment: It is increasingly clear that Imam continues to be concerned regarding Crown Prince's orientation toward Egypt and Communist Bloc and now attempting bring about better balance in Badr's outlook by sending him Westward. Steffen and I agree now is most favorable moment for West to do everything possible to encourage Imam's purpose.

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Embassy officer asked Wainwright of Foreign Office Arabian Dept, March 16 concerning prospective visit to UK by Prince Abdul Rahman, Yemeni Vice Foreign Minister (Emb's G-1078). Wainwright said Abdul Rahman has been officially invited and Prince has replied indicating he was pleased but would need to get approval of Imam for visit. Prince expected to see Imam March 21, and planned raise subject then. On timing Prince Abdul Rahman expressed preference for visit last week in April or last week in May.

Foreign Office idea is that visit should be for about one week. He would be guest of HMG, but there would not be extensive program of activities. Perhaps an official luncheon party and some sightseeing would be appropriate. Prince will be accompanied by his wife, who is Lebanese.

Foreign Office has told UK Charge Taz to make sure that Prince Abdul Rahman and Yemeni Foreign Office understand Prince is not being invited to UK for purpose of negotiations.

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JOINT ICA/LEGATION MESSAGE.

Doctor Devere arrived March 18. Country team plans proceed Hodeida March 23 introduce him Imam and assist as needed. Contract executed USOM/Beirut behalf ICA/Yemen reviewed here and raises questions. If ICA/Yemen should pay salary, cite fiscal data. Advise method payment international and local travel and other local costs. Request comment Devere understanding be provided full-time vehicle despite no mention in contract. Airgram follows with copy contract.

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Unsuccessful assassination attempt made on Imam night of March 26 in Hodeida. Member hospital guard fired at Imam as he was leaving hospital after routine X-ray examination, wounding him in both legs, across back and in one arm. Wounds considered superficial but required night-long operations and attention by Russian and Italian doctors and newly-arrived American internist Devere. Devere's greatest concern is Imam's state of shock which may require his being fed intravenously. Saline solution now being sought in Yemen and also Asmara.

In volley of ten shots at least one person killed and several wounded. Would-be assassin committed suicide same night. Among others immediately involved in attempt, two captured and one still at large. Director of hospital in chains.

Among many rumors about identity conspirators behind attempt two groups prominently mentioned are Egyptians and northern tribes. Probability is that plot was timed to coincide with absence of Crown Prince and other leading government of Yemen officials. It is reported that arrests of suspected opposition elements including young army officers are now being carried out.

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American internist Doctor Devere introduced to Imam by Charge at audience in Hodeida March 25. By Country Team decision ICA Yemen represented at audience by El-Khoury who also served as interpreter. Imam clearly pleased Devere had arrived but inquired when surgeon also could be expected. "Is there no American surgeon in all of US willing come to Yemen?" I replied US had wished send soonest this doctor in whom we were sure His Majesty could have full confidence.

El-Khoury remaining Hodeida to assist in housing and other arrangements for Doctor.

Comment: Devere faced with most difficult situation including jealousy and opposition ten Russian doctors now Hodeida and Hypochondria of Imam himself who enjoys attention from batteries of doctors. Devere appears capable of surviving however.

Urge Department locate and send American surgeon as well who could provide valuable support for Devere and for effort relieve Imam's exclusive reliance on western medicine.

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Dept is still endeavoring find surgeon for Imam in accordance with His Majesty's request, but no qualified candidate prepared proceed to Yemen has yet become available.

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SENT DEPARTMENT 3903; REPEATED INFORMATION CAIRO 57-115, PRIORITY ADEN 23, TAIZ 3.

DAILY TELEGRAPH March 28 published British UP item from Aden March 27 stating reports reaching Aden Imam of Yemen "escaped injury when shots were fired at him and some companions as they returned to Palace in Hodeidah after visit to hospital. Only his companions were injured," and "several arrests are said to have been made." UP adds "Yemen radio said conspiracy was being uncovered."

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Foreign Office (Thomas of Arabian Department) at Noon informed Embassy Governor of Aden reported following "rumor" to Colonial Office: Son of Amil of Taiz arrived Aden night of March 27 and told friend that Imam was dead, and death being kept secret. Son of Amil was on way to tell Crown Prince Badr.

Foreign Office has had no word on matter from UK Charge in Taiz and would appreciate any information we could provide.

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In reply similar inquiry by UK Embassy, Dept said info available from sources near Imam indicates his condition is improving but that Badr is understood have been summoned return and is expected arrive Yemen today or tomorrow.

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You should convey to Imam USG ~~congratulations~~ **felicitations** on his ~~fortunate escape~~ **fortunate escape**
/ from attack on his person and USG's best wishes for speedy
recovery and continued good health in years ahead in service
of Yemen and its people.

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Embassy officer had arranged appointment to see Crown Prince on March 29, but could not make call because of Prince's sudden return to Yemen previous afternoon in connection attempted assassination Iman. Yemen Legation has agreed inform Foreign Ministry of Embassy's interest.

Embassy understands Talib still in Rome and plans make some friendly gesture before he leaves.

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Foreign Office afternoon March 30 had no further word on "rumor" of Imam of Yemen's death, and Arabian Department official assured this meant Imam is alive.

Daily Telegraph March 29 published Reuter item from Aden March 28 stating Imam "was wounded yesterday by shots fired at his party during official visit to hospital at Hodeida." Imam "in good condition," but "assailant, Lieutenant Alalafi shot himself after the incident and two people died in hospital."

Apparently no press or news service reports on Imam published here March 30.

Comment: Foreign Office obviously discounts rumors and news service reports from Aden in absence any confirmation from Taiz. Yemen desk officer went home for week end when British Government's Easter holiday commenced noon March 30.

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Convey following message from Minister Reinhardt to Imam:

"I have just heard of the ~~REINHARDT~~ attack on Your Majesty and ~~REINHARDT~~
am gratified
/that it was unsuccessful. I send Your Majesty my best wishes for a
speedy recovery and continued good health. Frederick Reinhardt".

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FROM HODEIDA

Xray pictures taken March 29 show compound fracture on Imam's right femur just below femoral neck. Imam has sent for Italian orthopedic surgeon from Rome. Dr. Devere who thoroughly examined Imam March 29 stated danger of pneumonia or other complications exist but that in his opinion "Imam more likely pull through than not." Imam expected to be immobile for at least three months.

No reliable information has come to light regarding specific political leanings of any of those involved in assassination attempt. Arrests and interrogations by team of top GOY officials continue especially of Army officers. Approximately 3,000 armed Zarznig tribesmen from Tihama have been brought into Hodeida. Some Khawlani tribesmen also in town. No sign so far of defection either within Army or northern tribes and country remains quiet. Imam's state of health is of course key to whole situation in Yemen today.

Value of Xray machine from Kagnev station already demonstrated and Imam has expressed personal thanks. Machine is only one at Kagnev however and must be returned by March 31. Recommend Department seek Defense Department assistance in providing on loan basis portable Xray machine, 14 by 17 cassetts and film for use either in Hodeida or at Kagnev thus releasing Kagnev equipment for Hodeida. Equipment will probably be required two or three

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three weeks and can be picked up in Asmara by special Yemen plane. Believe this helpful gesture would contribute to Imam's goodwill toward US.

Italian orthopedic surgeon expected about April 1. Nevertheless if serious complications should develop later believe Department should be prepared consider expressing US willingness send American medical team and equipment to treat Imam. Believe it very much to US interest that Imam remain alive for another year or two at least.

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Understand arrangements already made provide DeVere with needed equipment. If notification of arrival not rpt not yet received by DeVere, advise and Dept will explore matter further.

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According Italian charge Guillet Orthopedist who arrived Rhodeida from Italy April 3 concerned for fear Imam not in physical condition withstand operation on femur. About six inches bone shattered at femur neck and if possible orthopedist would like remove shattered bone, replace it with plastic section and insert silver rod into remaining piece bone to assure plastic section and bone will remain joined. Only alternative keep Imam's leg in traction until femur calcifies in which case Imam will be permanently lame. In view Imam's refusal cooperate and his insistance already on removing leg from traction this may also prove impossible. Doctors have not yet made decision on best course to follow. From all indications Imam not out of danger and could still die from complications or during operation.

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 SUBJECT: Taiz Tense but Calm Following Attempt on Life of Imam

Government officials and other informed quarters in Taiz no doubt had already been informed of the March 26 attempt on the life of the Imam before the first public statement on the event was broadcast the following day by Radio Sana'a. The official account stated briefly that a criminal attack had been made against the person of the Imam but that the monarch had escaped uninjured and the culprit had been apprehended. Despite this official assurance rumours rapidly spread through Taiz that the Imam had been struck by a bullet in the chest, that he was losing blood and would most certainly die. While considerable credence seemed to be given to this story by the people of Taiz, the prevailing belief was tempered by the Sana'a Radio account of the incident which seemed to inspire sufficient doubt to prevent opponents of the Imam from acting with conviction against his regime and to cause them to reflect upon the reprisals that were in store for perpetrators of antagonistic acts if the Imam lived and his rule continued.

All those with the financial capability apparently prepared to defend themselves in the event civil order deteriorated. Wealthy individuals increased the number of guards on their property while those from among the remainder of the Taiz citizenry who could afford to do so made an effort to purchase firearms. Overnight the price of serviceable rifles is reported to have increased in Taiz from 300 to 800 riyals. The prevailing atmosphere, however, was that of fear and a desire to defend oneself rather than any tendency toward offensive action.

With one exception the officials of the Imam in Taiz appear to have kept their courage in facing the prospects of revolt. Muhammad Ibn Muhammad PASHA, the 'Amil of Beit al Fakih, hurriedly left Taiz for Aden on March 27. Upon reaching Aden he informed a friend that the Imam had been killed but this had been concealed from the people and he was on his way to Rome to accompany the Crown Prince who was returning to Yemen. Pasha's friend promptly reported this to the British authorities. It is likely that the announcement from Radio Djibouti to the effect that the Imam was dead also originated with Muhammad Ibn Muhammad Pasha and was transmitted to Djibouti the French

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Consul in Aden.

Yahya Ibn Muhammad PASHA, the 'Amil of Taiz and the brother of Muhammad Ibn Muhammad, is also reported to have behaved in an unusual manner. Upon receiving the news of the attempt against the life of the Imam, and apparently in the belief that the Imam was dead, Yahya hastened to the rural property he owns near Taiz, organized and armed the local villagers and prepared to defend himself and his property against lawless elements. When law and order did not break down as he had apparently anticipated, Yahya Ibn Muhammad returned to Taiz where he remained until April 1 when he was summoned to Hodeida, no doubt to explain his and his brother's conduct.

Quite rapidly the report circulated through Taiz that the Pasha family had panicked, but their actions have only been attributed to fear and no attempt has been made to associate them in any way with the plot against the Imam. On March 30 Muhammad Ibn Muhammad was seen in Aden by the Italian Minister Amedeo GUILLET. Muhammad, who by this time had regained his composure, was in somewhat of a quandry as to his next move, but he apparently thought it advisable not to contend, as he had immediately after his arrival in Aden, that he was en route to Rome to fetch the Crown Prince. Ultimately Muhammad Ibn Muhammad was summoned to Hodeida by his brother and both were received by the Imam. By this time Yahya Ibn Muhammad had devised the story that he had left Taiz only for the purpose of acquiring the assistance of armed villagers from the area surrounding his rural property and that he intended to bring them to Taiz for the purpose of assisting in the defense of the city in the event an insurrection took place.

On the evening of March 28 Taiz was ablaze with bonfires of celebration. By this time it was common knowledge that the Imam had actually been wounded but it was also clear that he would most likely recover, and earlier in the day the Government had declared a two-day national holiday celebrating the Imam's escape. Fires were first observed on al-Qahira, the fort overlooking the city, and the inhabitants of Taiz were rapid to follow the example and to line their roofs with burning kerosene pots. Firecrackers punctuated the alleged joy of the Imam's subjects over his escape.

This display continued for two additional nights while during the day Taiz was decked with flags, and trucks crowded with teenagers chanting the praises of the Imam and holding his picture aloft circulated through the streets. On March 31 contingents of chanting soldiers joined the youth in the streets of Taiz. These demonstrations could only have been inspired and organized by the authorities. On one occasion Ibrahim al-SHAMI, Director General of the Ministry of Public Works, was observed in the midst of a demonstrating caravan with the vehicle provided him by ICA crowded with demonstrators.

By the end of the week tensions had relaxed and the population seemed to have accepted the fact that all was once again quiet in Yemen. The possibility of trouble appeared to have vanished, at least for the time being. Periodically, however, the rumour still flashes through Taiz that the Imam has suddenly died. Immediately fears and tensions will rise, but each time the authorities have dispelled the rumour, generally by having someone refute it who has just come from an audience with the Imam in Hodeida. The authorities are apparently convinced that

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such rumours are inspired by persons who still hope to spark a rebellion against the Imam's Government. Indicative of the calm that has prevailed in Taiz is the fact that it was not until April 7 that any political arrests associated with disloyalty to the Imam were reported to have taken place in the city and as yet the implications of these two arrests have not been made clear.

COMMENT: The relative tranquillity in Taiz may be taken, first of all, as an indication that forces opposed to the Imam are neither well organized nor prepared to act immediately upon receiving news that the Imam has died or that his death is imminent. Perhaps of equal significance is that during the past two weeks local officials have demonstrated the wherewithal to maintain law and order among the apolitical masses who could possibly become unruly during a time of crisis. None of the cited techniques employed by the officials in channelling the emotions of the citizenry away from violence could have frustrated an organized attempt to overthrow the recognized authorities. The defeat of any organized opposition that may have appeared rested entirely with the ability of the authorities to retain the loyalty of the local army garrison. Since no outbreaks occurred among the troops garrisoned in Taiz their loyalty appears to have been assured during the first hours after the attempted assassination. Subsequently the authorities were able to direct their attention toward maintaining civil order and preventing any segment of the population from seizing the occasion as an opportunity to loot, pillage, commit atrocities and even old scores associated with personal vendettas.

Government officials in Taiz used several well-established techniques in preventing suppressed hatred toward the regime from coming to the surface during the first few hours after the attempt on the life of the Imam. Most of the inhabitants of Taiz were prepared to believe the worst. Assured by rumours of the impending death of the Imam some may have acted against the authorities had it not been for the early broadcast from Radio Sana'a announcing the Imam's escape. Most Yemenis and informed foreign observers believe it most unlikely that Taiz will remain permanently calm when the Imam dies, and the actions of the Pasha family testify to the fear of Taiz' officialdom that law and order will break down and government officials will be subject to attacks at such a time. It appears, therefore, that Radio Sana'a's broadcast may have had the effect of causing malcontents to bide their time until they were certain that the Imam was dead and that the way was clear for rebellion.

The brief respite which was probably allowed by Radio Sana'a's initial assertion that the Imam was uninjured, gave the authorities the time required to deter any inclination on the part of the people toward restiveness and violence and to deflect public sentiments toward a somewhat more relaxed feeling of celebration. Even though everyone still had an eye on his firearms, the two-day holiday brought a certain relaxation, at least for that segment of the population which is oblivious to political considerations but which provides the bulk of the pillaging mobs when law and order breaks down.

Once the celebration was declared it was necessary to create a holiday atmosphere and this was accomplished with the demonstrations of the youth, the display of flags, the marching of the troops and the fires of celebration, all of which

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contributed to the growing feeling that the Imam remained omnipotent and that his government was in control of the situation. Because an immediate revolt was obviously not in the offing, only the most foolhardy of the anti-Imam elements would have considered it advisable to flout their lack of fealty by not flying flags or by failing to have as many lighted kerosene pots on their roofs as their neighbors. By the mere act of attempting to blend in with the perhaps listless but nevertheless obedient citizenry, however, even the most bitter enemies of the regime in effect gave assurances to other inhabitants and thereby contributed to an atmosphere of stability and acquiescence. The result was to strengthen the general belief that even though everyone was not content there was apparently no one prepared or sufficiently courageous to call openly on the people to revolt.

The eventual presence of the celebrating troops in the streets of Taiz served as the final step to assure the continuation of internal peace. The troops, of course, added to the number of demonstrators and thereby enlarged the scope of the demonstration, but at the same time they also provided a warning for malcontents or for those inclined toward disorder that there were loyal troops to be dealt with before any prospective rebel could hope to consolidate a hold over any appreciable area around Taiz. With these techniques the authorities had gradually gained from any aspirant rebels the initiative which had been theirs to seize in the first hours after the spread of the rumour that the Imam was about to die.

The developments in Taiz following the attempt on the life of the Imam demonstrated that as long as the troops stationed in the area do not support rebel elements and do not openly declare their neutrality in any internal struggle for power, the local authorities have the ability to maintain law and order. In the first few hours after the news of the shooting reached Taiz when the city was still gripped by tension, less able officials would perhaps have called the troops into the streets as a step to intimidate discontented elements and to reassure the populace that the rule of the Imam would be upheld. This, of course, would have had its own dangers in that once the troops were placed in a position where law and order depended directly upon their immediate actions, the possibility existed that they or their officers, feeling audacious as the result of their sudden prominence, would have taken matters into their own hands and themselves defied the recognized authorities. The utilization of troops in such a capacity during times of tension is also likely to precipitate any anti-regime sentiments that may exist among the troops but which would possibly remain dormant as long as the troops were kept in their barracks.

In maintaining civil order the Taiz officials prudently considered it preferable to confine the troops to their barracks as long as possible and to uphold law and order only with the implied threat of using physical force if difficulties developed. Insofar as the troops were never brought visibly before the public as the authorities' only source of power and because when they finally appeared it was on the final day of the celebrations, and then only in the capacity of jubilant demonstrators, the authorities demonstrated a good grasp of one of the most essential techniques associated with controlling both the population and the local garrison during times of tension. The actions of the officials in Taiz following the attack on the Imam illustrate that it is not always necessary to brandish a weapon, which in this case was the local garrison, if the group possessing the weapon can make

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it appear that it is confident of its ability to deal with any situation that may arise and if at the same time it is sufficiently clever to modify dangerous public sentiment without using force and to divert such feeling away from rebellion and disorder.

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FROM HODEIDA

Prince Abdul Rahman informed me April 7 that Imam very favorably impressed with portable Xray unit loaned by Kagnev Station Hospital in connection his current treatment. Prince said Imam wished purchase same or similar unit and asked legation's assistance in obtaining it from US source soon as possible.

Request legation be supplied soonest with information necessary to enable Imam acquire desired Xray unit from commercial or US stocks. If not immediately available, suggest machine from US military be sent as recommended legation telegram 305 on loan until purchased Xray unit arrives Hodeida.

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According Doctor Devere Imam had mild relapse April 5 but resumed improvement April 6. Devere flew to Asmara April 5 to obtain equipment for direct blood transfusion as pre-cautionary measure from Kagnew Station. Devere says Imam's wounds healing satisfactorily including fractured femur which now being treated by orthopedic surgeon flown in from Rome. Mobile X-ray unit from Kagnew Station Asmara borrowed for second time April 4 and expected be returned Asmara April. Devere opined Imam now needs "sleep, curtailment of usual hordes around him and fewer medicines--just the opposite of what he is actually getting." Devere believes complications still distinctly possible and he not willing state Imam out of danger.

Imam daily receiving dozens of important visitors from Yemen town and tribal areas bent on seeing for themselves state of his health, an exhausting but presumably politically necessary experience. Medical three-ring circus continues with some 15 Italian and Russian doctors in addition Devere in attendance at one time or other on Imam during past ten days.

Comment: Best cure for Imam would be admission to hospital in Italy or elsewhere in west. Such a move might, however, be less healthy for his regime.

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Aden Colony and Protectorate which initially appeared only mildly surprised at attempt to assassinate Imam AHMED continues to watch with close interest reports of Yemeni monarch's health.

General rumors of his condition seem to square with Legation's reports. No special theories here about political implications attempted regicide.

British officials unable give any information beyond what they receive from their Legation Ta'iz. Also, curiously, they claim no special knowledge position of Aden Protectorate Rulers. British political adviser in Beihan said "rulers watching, but we can't get anything out of them."

It is noteworthy Sherif MUSEBIN remained in Beihan on Yemeni frontier during McLEOD visit (Consulate G-37 of April 10, 1961). Official excuse: sick wife.

Audhali Sultan at chance meeting told me "we are going to lose Yemen to the USSR or the UAR" and demanded "when are we (in this case, Aden, UK and US) going to get together on a policy for Yemen?" When I said US had no intention of interfering in internal Yemeni affairs, he laughed derisively and said "you interfere everywhere else--the Congo, Laos." But then added more seriously, "we don't want to interfere in Yemen but we do want to help our friends there."

French Consul CARTON said Sultan of Lahej told him Protectorate very discontented with British policy of seeking friendship with Yemen. According to Sultan, Protectorate rulers feel British should "reinforce" them against threat of pro-Russian or pro-Egyptian Yemen which "everyone knows" will take over from Crown Prince soon after BADR succeeds to throne.

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SUBJECT: Yemeni Political Situation Tense Succession Issue Flares Up Again

As he promised to do (see despatch under reference) Prince Abdul RAHMAN called me during the evening of April 8 in Hodeida to say that he had passed my comments on the Crown Prince's professed interest in improving relations with the West to BADR the night before. Prince Abdul Rahman quoted the Crown Prince as replying that he had taken note and "hoped that something helpful might be done by both sides" as appropriate occasions presented themselves.

COMMENT: The Crown Prince's character may be more complex than we sometimes think, and the possibility that his professed desire for better relations with the U.S. was genuine should not in my opinion be entirely ruled out. Nevertheless I feel that the Crown Prince's approach chiefly reflects a present deep concern over the potential threat to his position of Prince HASSAN and that the primary purpose of his message through Prince Abdul Rahman was to probe for current U.S. intentions with respect to Prince Hassan as opposed to himself. The normally latent but ever present rivalry between Prince Hassan and Crown Prince Badr naturally comes to the fore whenever the possibility increases that the Imam's end is near. Radio reports of recent Hassan movements toward Yemen, plus unrest among Yemeni tribes considered to be pro-Hassan (e.g., the Khawlanis) have greatly added to general Yemeni belief that Hassan may try to insert himself actively into Yemeni political scene and that he is probably backed in any such effort by the U.S. And no one of course is more sensitive to such a possibility than Badr himself. It is especially clear in unsettled times such as these how effectively the Bloc can use Badr's suspicions of U.S. involvement with Prince Hassan to influence him away from us.

The most important political question in Yemen today is the Imam's state of health consideration of which leads immediately to the succession issue. Without sufficient coverage of such key areas of Yemen as that of Sana'a and the northern tribes, we are regrettably not in a position to access adequately the relative strengths of Crown Prince Badr, Prince Hassan and other political forces in Yemen today, although it is questionable that we could do much to influence the situation even if we did have more of the pertinent facts. In these highly uncertain circumstances we will probably do best to continue to maintain contact with all Yemeni factions within and

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without the country. In my opinion we will not be carrying out such a policy effectively until our relations improve with the Crown Prince, the most important element of the Yemeni political scene with which we frankly are not on good terms at present. I believe we should anticipate that if Badr were to take over as ruler of Yemen in the very near future, the present momentum of Bloc penetration of Yemen would increase with resulting adverse effects on US-Yemeni relations. An improvement in Badr's attitude toward us might conceivably also improve his relations with Prince Hassan. Since it is doubtful that either Badr or Hassan acting alone and opposed by the other could succeed in holding effective control over the country without substantial outside aid, any encouragement we could give to a rapprochement between the two would in effect be an effort to strengthen the opportunities for future stability in Yemen. I believe that most of the royal family and other Yemenis not committed to the complete removal of the Hamid-al-Din clan would support moves to bring Badr and Hassan together.

The flare-up once again of the succession issue has placed Yemen in a state of high tension at present. Fear of the consequences of the possibly early death of the Imam is exacerbated by the acknowledged rotten state of the Imam's court and government. Imam Ahmad is surrounded by spineless weaklings created by him as a result of his own countless intrigues, his elimination of all strong personalities on the assumption that they were potential threats to him personally and his insistence on retaining every scrap of effective authority for himself alone -- such behavior being the consequence of his lack of trust in anyone. The crowd of sycophants around him, in dread of acting in any way that might be construed by the Imam as an effort to undermine his authority, are equally fearful as the day of final reckoning approaches when they will face a future without the Imam. All those with strength of character have withdrawn and from afar either wait patiently for the Imam's demise or plot to speed the process.

The mere fact that the Imam is temporarily incapacitated poses additional dangers to the security of the regime. Not in condition at present to work long hours every day as usual, the Imam is allowing state business to be neglected. Tribal disputes remain unsettled, government and army salaries are not paid and many other important matters go unattended, thus increasing resentments already at fever pitch and strengthening the hand of those who constantly preach the hopelessness of any progress in Yemen as long as the Imam is permitted to remain in control.

In the tense and unpredictable political situation in Yemen at the moment one fact is clear: The old Imamic style of rule, nearing its end, finds the Yemenis so far ill-equipped to devise a workable replacement, and a continuation of this state of affairs could well spell disaster for the country. It is to be hoped that having been close enough to death to see the handwriting on the wall and especially under the prodding of his son and others who will eventually be left to try their hands at guiding Yemen's affairs, the Imam will make some effort before it is too late to prepare his successors for their future tasks. Whatever action he takes along those lines (which would be unprecedented) will no doubt await the results of the current investigation of the Government tribunal now attempting to identify those involved in the March 26 assassination attempt (Leg's G-123).

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According Angie SMITH of Mecom Enterprises, Governor of Hodeida approached MECOM several days ago with blank check from Imam who requested Mecom assist him purchase "armored car" for his personal use and capable transporting ten persons. Smith said Mecom countered with offer present Imam with largest model Cadillac equipped with armor plate, bullet-proof windows and four wheel drive. Smith indicated Imam has accepted offer.

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There is now talk in palace circles Hodeida that Imam may go to Italy (Naples) to complete cure of wounds suffered in March 26 assassination attempt. According DEVERE he and other doctors now attending Imam favor trip in principal because Hodeida lacking in adequate medical facilities and Imam here exposed to constant exhausting visitations by his subjects from all over the country as well as uncontrollable, dangerous ministrations by female members royal household.

Italian Minister GUILLET requested by Prince Abdul RAHMAN inquire reaction of Italian Government to treatment of Imam in Naples and regarding preliminary arrangements for trip.

Imam's doctors have prepared and signed medical statement to effect that Imam's main requirement now is rest and that he in any case likely recover although cure would be more rapid and easier at Italian or other hospital abroad. Doctors' statement expected to be basis for recommendation by Crown Prince and other members royal family and court to Imam. As situation now stands doctors (except Russian) privately tend favor Imam's departure for Italy. Royal family, including Prince Abdul Rahman, agree since they favor any action increasing likelihood Imam will stay alive. Crown Prince as yet uncommitted. His position difficult because declaring for Imam's departure could be interpreted as desire on his part take over rule of country while urging Imam stay home could be interpreted as BADR's lack of confidence in his ability control country in his father's absence.

Final choice of course rests solely with Imam who has most delicate political judgment to make in deciding what to do. If he goes abroad revolutionary elements would be encouraged take advantage of his absence to stage coup d'etat. Balancing this possibility is fact that as long as he lives Imam will remain strong deterrent to those favoring violent change in Yemen no matter where he is located. As was demonstrated during Imam's visit to Rome in 1959. On other hand if he stays in Yemen his recovery is less certain, and should he die soon country could well be plunged into chaos so many Yemenis now fear. All things considered however believe Imam not likely take considerable political risks involved

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Italian Minister GUILLET, returned from Hodeida, told me April 16 Crown Prince had made much the same approach (desire for better personal relations with West) as made earlier to me (LegDesp 99). BADR had added request US and West speed aid activities in order "show people West is strong friend of Yemen." Guillet said he had replied Western uncertainty re Badr's intentions could in part be mitigated by Crown Prince initiative in contacting Western representatives more frequently -- "at least as often as you see Soviets and Chinese." According Guillet Badr took note of his suggestion.

Guillet also said he noted increasing discussion of Prince (Sayf al-Islam) al-HASSAN and his intentions in current situation among royal family and Yemenis generally. Guillet believes Hassan supporters include Princes Abd al-RAHMAN and Hassan Ibn 'ALI. Guillet also speculated anti-Hassan elements might encourage support for Hassan for time being in hopes stir up suspicion in mind Imam and Crown Prince that Hassan behind abortive assassination attempt.

COMMENT: Seems that Badr either genuinely wishes better relations with West but attempting bargain for it or, with or without Bloc advice, now trying forestall any moves he believes West may have planned to assist Hassan elbow him out of rulership of Yemen.

I agree with Guillet that Princes Abd al-Rahman and Hassan Ibn 'Ali have pro-Hassan leanings. Abd al-Rahman however confused, gut-less and scared while Hassan Ibn 'Ali who narrowly escaped death himself March 26 playing cards intelligently, calmly and close to chest.

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Members of GOY civilian-military tribunal appointed by Imam to investigate March 26 attempt to assassinate him (LegDesp 96) reported to be as follows:

Sayyid Abdullah Abd al-KARIM, Minister of State, conservative. One of Imam's most influential advisers.

Sayyid Ahmad ZABARAH, head of Supreme Islamic Court of Yemen. Highly influential with Imam but generally considered shallow and vulnerable to personal flattery and blandishments which Communists have not been reticent about heaping upon him during last two or three years.

Sayyid Yahya Abd al-QADIR, Governor of Hodeida and Minister of Public Works.

Colonel SALLAL, Yemeni Army, Commander of Hodeida Port Garrison.

Colonel. al-ANISI, Yemeni Army, Chief of Taiz Garrison

Sayyid Ahmad ZABARAH (relative of Ahmad Zabarah above), police officer assigned to Hodeida Port.

Briefly assigned to tribunal now reported to be on his way to London to take up his new assignment as Yemeni Minister Designate to Britain is Sayyid Ahmad al-SHAMI.

Although there have been vague reports of spectacular "confessions" by such suspects as Abdullah LUQIYA of the port garrison and Hussein MAQDAMI, director of the hospital, tribunal appears in fact to have made little significant progress in its quest for information on persons and motives behind assassination attempt. To date general suspicion still rests chiefly on Egypt, Soviets, Northern tribes and Free Yemenis in that order as sources of possible plot against Imam. Tribunal likely continue proceed most cautiously since any convictions by tribunal will mean execution by Imam which in turn could mean blood vengeance sworn against members of tribunal by families of those convicted. Eye for eye and tooth for tooth is still apropos in Yemen today.

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With reference to the Legation's request for information on portable X-ray machines which might be of interest to the Imam, the Department has not yet been able to ascertain the exact type machine in use by Kagnev at Asmara. There is transmitted, however, information on a portable X-ray machine manufactured by the General Electric Corporation. Similar machines are produced by Westinghouse and other electrical manufacturers. The Department is not aware of any X-ray machines of this type which have been declared surplus.

You may communicate the information on the General Electric machine to appropriate Yemeni officials. In doing so, you should suggest that the Yemeni Chargé in Washington, if the Yemeni Government is interested, could communicate with the appropriate General Electric agent in Washington and arrange for the purchase and shipment of such a machine. The Yemeni Chargé may also wish to seek quotations from other electrical appliance manufacturers. The Department does not favor using limited Yemeni program funds to purchase such a machine for presentation to the Imam.

In view of the present heavy telegraphic load born by Department of State facilities, this information is being sent by instruction.

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According to press King SAUD received on April 30 in Riyadh
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Embassy had made appointment for call on Crown Prince Badr of Yemen which fell through due to sudden return of Crown Prince to Yemen after assassination attempt against Imam. Call was made on Yemeni Charge d'Affaires, Prince Al-Wazir, who promised inform Foreign Office at Taiz of visit and forward to Crown Prince a message of greeting and sympathy of Crown Prince's illness.

Subsequently Embassy officers called at Yemeni Legation on Abu Talib of Yemeni Foreign Office and had friendly hour-long visit. Abu Talib spoke gratefully of American interest being shown in his country and aid being extended. He made it clear he hoped it would continue. He went on, however, to stress delays encountered in implementation of the American aid program and difficulties in reaching agreement regarding projects in contrast with what he said were much quicker operations of the Soviet and Chinese Communist aid activities. He ~~declared~~ declared that both Soviet and Communist Chinese Governments make decisions and carry out agreed projects without delay. He claimed that Soviets had done a good job in reconstructing the port of Hodeida and he seemed particularly impressed with the work of the Chinese in building a difficult mountain road from Hodeida to Taiz. He said that the Chinese construction had gone much faster than that on an American financed road of less technical difficulty and he described the Chinese as having brought in 10,000 workers (a figure much higher than the local American estimate of the number of Chinese there) in order to complete the road quickly. Throughout the conversation he made comments indicating that he himself very much wanted to see the American efforts succeed, ~~but~~ but he said that these Communist "successes" made an impression on the people and on other government officials, and often made his own position and that of like-minded officials difficult. He also mentioned the prolonged discussions which always seemed necessary in dealing with, for example, the Italian Government.

Abu Talib also spoke of the problems involved in sending Yemeni students abroad to study. He commented that it is much easier to send students to the Soviet Union than to the United States because the Soviets take them

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without knowledge of the Russian language and gave them training once in the Soviet Union. In contrast, students wishing to study in the United States have to pass a difficult hour-long examination in English before being accepted. He said the examination is usually given in Cairo and asserted that it is much too difficult for most candidates from his country. He said that there are now about 100 Yemeni students studying in Moscow, 40 in medicine and the remainder in engineering.

According to him, all are doing quite well and are not only satisfied but pleased with their reception and with the arrangements made for them in Moscow. He recognized that there was some danger to these students of Soviet attempts at political indoctrination. None had had to be brought home from the Soviet Union, although five of a group sent to Communist China had gone bad and the Yemeni Government had pulled them out promptly. He expressed hope that more Yemeni students could go to America.

During the conversation, Abu Talib made it clear that the position of his Government was such that it needed aid from all sides and would continue accepting assistance from the East as well as the West. He gave the impression however of sincerely desiring better relations with the United States and heavier reliance on the West than on the East.

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101, JIDDA 8.Imam, Crown Prince and entourage arrived Taiz by air from
Hodeida May 8. Apparent reasons are to speed recuperation
of Imam (doctors have for weeks been urging Imam go to
cooler climate of Taiz) and prove to populace Imam alive.

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In recorded Sanaa radio broadcast May 4 Imam called on
people reject lies of conspirators and those who mislead
people. Imam stated he was alive and well and did not
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Prince 'Abd-al-Rahman was in Beirut during the week of May 8 with his wife. He departed by SS Esperia for Naples May 11 and plans to stay in Rome for "3 to 4 months". He told R.O. that he will call on Ambassador Reinhardt while in Rome (see reference).

His wife will have a tonsillectomy in Rome.

The Prince stated he had received an official invitation to visit the U.K. and might accept. He also expressed a desire to visit the U.S.A. a second time.

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Imam's health appears steadily improving and doctors expect remove Imam's broken leg from traction in about two weeks. According American Doctor DEVERE this step particularly important since it will allow Imam move physically and thus reduce possibilities of complications. Despite brighter outlook for Imam atmosphere of foreboding continues lie over country. Among recent developments adding uncertainty to situation are:

1. Reliable sources report that Ahmad al-JA'IFI, Director Sana'a Military College and top ranking army officer, escaped with five or six associates from detention in Sana'a about May 6 and arrived in Baihan May 13. Al-Ja'ifi suspected of being involved in plot against Imam early February (Legation's Airgram G-93) and was thereafter locked up in Sana'a. He is also said to have inspired assassination attempt March 26 by young army officers. According other reports he is suspected of being implicated along with Hodeida port director Col. SALLAL in another plot against Imam said to have been uncovered about the time Imam moved to Taiz (May 8). Imam's suspicions of al-Ja'ifi and latter's escape from prison are developments embarrassing to Crown Prince who has long been friendly with al-Ja'ifi and directly assisted him rise to top in Yemeni Army. Both al-Ja'ifi and Sallal known as capable, energetic and pro-Egyptian.

2. British Charge BAILEY as well as local sources confirm that Governor of Ibb Ahmad SAYYAGHI departed hastily from Ibb May 9 for Western Protectorate frontier post at Samah (across border from Qa' taba) where he was granted permission enter Dhala. From Dhala Sayyaghi immediately sent message to Sharif of Baihan. In deciding to leave Ibb day after Imam's arrival in Taiz, Sayyaghi undoubtedly found Imam too close for comfort. Learning of Sayyaghi's move Imam sent his code clerk to Italian Minister GUILLET with message obviously intended for British to effect that Imam let less to understand Sayyaghi's departure to Dhala since "we have nothing against him at this time." This dubious assurance unlikely sway Sayyaghi who can be expected choose his own time for return to Yemen.

Current rumor that Sayyaghi attempting establish contact with al-Ja'ifi appears implausible in view Sayyaghi's oft-expressed antipathy

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for Egyptians and their followers.

3. According reliable report anti-Imam pamphlets, presumably of Free Yemen origin, again circulating in Sana'a.

4. About ten junior officials and civilians arrested in Taiz some time ago among whom was individual accused of contacting Israel by radio. Incidentally Imam brought with him to Taiz May 8 all those imprisoned as result March 26 assassination attempt. Investigation committee presumably continues its efforts but apparently so far to no avail.

5. Crown Prince being criticized with increasing bitterness for his lack of activity despite many important pending affairs of state. Long overdue government and army salaries among major pieces of untended business. (At same time Imam's obviously heavy outlay of funds for personal medical treatment and monopoly of doctors and medicines badly needed in Yemen's hospitals have done nothing to enhance Imam's own popularity). Crown Prince admittedly now caught between two fires. He is criticized for being passive and yet if he attempts active leadership he runs risk of once more incurring wrath of his father as he did on Imam's return from Italy following BADR's regency in 1959.

6. Rumors are widespread that March 26 assassination attempt only one of recent series of plots against Imam which so far include al-Ja'ifi-Abdullah Ibn MANNA' plot in early February (Legation's Airgram G-93), Hodeida fire which was also supposed to lead to "general uprising," car accident involving Imam on Bajil road in February and plot mentioned point (1) above. It is now commonly predicted another attempt on Imam's life will be made soon.

General uncertainty is heightened by increasing feeling here that Crown Prince incapable of stepping into his father's shoes.

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If Prince Abdul Rahman should call at either Embassy Rome or Embassy Beirut as ref msg indicated he might do, you should receive him but do no more than listen to what he has to say indicating his observations will of course be reported to Dept for consideration. While we believe Abdul Rahman is one of more progressive princes in Yemen royal family and would like to maintain close and friendly relations with him, you should discourage any suggestion USG financial assistance to him.

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SUBJECT: Imam Assures Yemeni People He Is Alive and On The Mend

Enclosed is a rough English translation of a speech recorded by the Imam and broadcast over Radio Sana'a on May 4.

As will be clear from the text the chief purpose of the speech was to reassure a few and warn many that contrary to wide-spread rumors the Imam was alive after the attempt on his life March 26, was improving in health and intended to remain in Yemen to continue active rule of his country.

The Imam's words were remarkably mild, containing none of the bombast or accusations against foreigners and "imperialists" which marked his speech upon his return from Italy in 1959. This time the Imam appeared more in the role of a plaintive father reproaching his children for believing that he could possibly desert them.

Reliable sources within the palace quietly describe the Imam as a "changed man" since the assassination attempt. To them he is more petulant, nervous and subject to sudden changes of mood than before. Whether or not he will ever regain his former self-confidence and masterfulness as well as his health, these sources do not now care to say.

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FROM RADIO SANA'A DATED MAY 4, 1961

THE IMAM'S SPEECH

I seek God's protection from the devil.

By this declaration I intend to warn those who conspired against me and those who circulated false rumors about me in the city. My dear people, God's peace be upon you. My greetings to you from a heart full of love and sympathy. What has taken place has taken place and you have heard all. Disgrace has fallen on those who deserve disgrace and the deceitful persons have met with defeat. These conspirators of murder and assassination planned their plots in every direction and tempted my people with dirham and dinar (i.e., money) to kill me, the Imam of the Yemen. What would have happened if I had been killed by them or by some others? Do they think that the Yemen and its people would be left uncared for? No! by the name of Allah. For God is very fond of his creatures.

These hypocrites and deceitful persons have spread rumors that I rule my people with cruelty, and with an iron hand, but I have endeavored to fulfill the laws and will of God. What has happened has happened and God has defeated those wicked people and they have no power whatsoever to defend themselves. They say now that I am dead and for this reason I deliver this declaration in order to make my voice heard. I thank God that the remaining wounds will heal by the will of God. I have no intention of going abroad for treatment. My dear people of the north and the south, I greet you in the name of Islam and reciprocate your good wishes for you are the nation to whom the Holy Prophet said is the best nation when compared to all others. May you remain in virtue and good health.

I have preferred to keep my speech short because I recall that some of you may be old, whilst others of you may be too busy to continue to listen to me so I merely wish to assure you that I am in good health.

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On return Taiz from two-day visit Hodeida and Salif with Seely I asked Muhammad Al-Wazir again June 5 re rumor, now widespread that Imam will abdicate. Popular belief based chiefly on fact Imam recently directed leading officials throughout Yemen reaffirm their acceptance Crown Prince as rightful heir to Imam and agree follow now all orders issued by Badr. Inference was supreme authority thereafter in hands Crown Prince rather than Imam.

Al-Wazir replied Imam had issued above directive not as prelude to abdication but to give Badr more active and authoritative role in GOY. Al-Wazir emphasized further top-level decisions involving Royal family or state would await outcome of Imam's talk with Prince Al-Hassan and Badr. "reconciliation between Hassan and Badr very difficult but of vital importance to us," he said.

According Al-Wazir Yemeni aircraft proceeding June 6 to pick up Prince Hassan in Jidda and bring him Taiz.

Within last two weeks Badr has seen me (LEGTel 417) Russian and Chinese Charges and Italian Minister in that order and has agreed see British Charge June 6. Crown Prince also sent me message through Guillet June 5 reaffirming his desire enter into closer relations with US and requesting utmost speed on ICA projects in order justify new posture.

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CROWN PRINCE BADR RECEIVED SEELYE AND ME AT PALACE IN TAIZ EVENING JUNE 7. SEELYE SAID HE BROUGHT CORDIAL GREETINGS OF US WHICH VALUED ITS LONG-STANDING FRIENDLY TIES WITH YEMEN AND LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS IN FUTURE. CROWN PRINCE REPLIED YEMEN REQUIRED "MANY THINGS" AND PARTICULARLY IN NEED OF PRACTICAL FRIENDSHIP OF US. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, YEMEN'S EFFORTS IN PAST TO OBTAIN US ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN MET WITH "HESITATION" AND LITTLE SO FAR HAD COME OF THEM. NOW HOWEVER HE HOPED US AND YEMEN COULD OPEN NEW CHAPTER OF INCREASINGLY CLOSE COOPERATION IN INTEREST BOTH SIDES AND THAT CURRENT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY FURTHER ASSISTANCE FROM USG IN FUTURE. SEELYE REJOINED THAT WHILE ACTION SPOKE LOUDER THAN WORDS AND HE NOT IN POSITION MAKE PROMISES, HIS PRELIMINARY STUDY OF IEA PROGRAM IN YEMEN AND PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS GAVE HIM CONFIDENCE YEMENIS WOULD SEE INCREASED PROGRESS ON AID PROJECTS IN NEAR FUTURE (MOST IMPORTANT NOW, HE EMPHASIZED, WAS PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF US PROJECTS ALREADY AGREED UPON).

REMAINDER OF HALF HOUR TALK NON-SUBSTANTIVE EXCEPT FOR CROWN PRINCE'S REMARK GOY LOOKING FORWARD TO ARRIVAL MECOM WHO PERFORMING IMPRESSIVELY SO FAR AT SALIF.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FRIENDLY AS USUAL CROWN PRINCE APPEARED NERVOUS AND PREOCCUPIED HE OBVIOUSLY AWAITING PRINCE HASSAN'S ARRIVAL WITH APPREHENSION.

REMARKABLE RECENT DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY OF BADR (IN ADDITION THAT REPORTED LEGTEL 446) HAS INCLUDED DINING WITH WEST GERMAN CHARGE

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DEGREE BADR'S SINCERITY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF
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Prince Hassan Ibn Ali told me evening June 7 that on express orders of Imam Sayf Al-Islam Al-Hassan will fly from Jidda to Aden for one day before proceeding talk about June 9.

According source Al-Hassan has laid down conditions for reconciliation including acceptance of Badr as Imams successor and for his active political cooperation with Crown Prince. Essence these conditions is Badr agreement to establish working executive council as integral part of his future government, "preservation of Yemen's true principals and traditions," and "proper place" for Hassan himself in Badr Government.

Prince Hassan Ibn Ali said he not optimistic re outcome of reconciliation effort. "You know how hopelessly confused and inept we are," he said. "We act without thinking, without study and without common sense. Imam is only effective cohesive force and his days are numbered. As between Hassan and Basr, sometimes former and sometimes latter politically stronger. Just now Hassan on upswing. Neither trusts the other: Hassan believes Badr unreliable and acious and incapable of ruling country. Badr not /interested

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interested in religion or preservation Yemen's traditional identity. He greatly fears personal power of Hassan and believes Hassan intends eventually oust him. Three years ago we went through some routine when Hassan came for three months, had many talks with Imam and Badr and left with no results. Same thing could well happen again although others believe this time will be different."

Prince Hassan Ibn Ali said that unlike Prince Abdul Rahman (LEGDESP 110) he intended remain in Yemen to do what he could in service of country. Up to very moment of Prince Abdul Rahman's departure he had pleaded with Abdul Rahman to stay so that two could work together. Abdul Rahman, he said, had full confidence of Imam and relative confidence of Crown Prince. He himself on other hand had clashed often in past with Badr who in recent days had even accused him of possibly being involved in assassination attempt against Imam. Prince Hassan said he had more popular following than Abdul Rahman who however more experienced, better educated and in favorable position constructively influence Imam and Crown Prince. "I thought that we could make good team" he said "but all Abdul Rahman wanted to do was get out. I admit situation is grave but these are times requiring courage. I intend die-sooner or later-in Yemen not outside country."

Comment: Prince Hassan Ibn Ali did not venture reason for Al-Hassan's Aden stop but should be noted Sayyaghi presumably still in Aden. Imam may wish his brother elicit current attitude of Sayyaghi whom source flatly described as pro-Hassan. Prince Hassan Ibn Ali also clearly leans toward Al-Hassan but playing his hand as non-committally as present circumstances permit.

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Reference: DEPTTEL 325

Have good reason believe telescope with tripod and case would please Imam. He has 35mm motion picture projector and at least one 16mm.

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Prince Sayfal Al-Islam Al-Hassan arrived Taiz aboard Yemeni Airlines DC-3 from Aden at sundown June 10. According Mohammad Al-Wazir only handful of people at airport to meet him but following evening prayer at Mosque crowd gathered and greeted him enthusiastically and reverently."

Al-Wazir said Imam, Badr and Hassan had not yet gotten down to serious talks but he reiterated view reconciliation "most difficult" Imam committed to supporting Badr as his successor and would remain adamant at any cost that Hassan recognize Badr as such. At same time Badr unlikely accept Hassans pre-conditions (LECTEL 452) or might do so only outwardly with Imam and Badr tactics already clear. Fearing Hassan's popularity they intended keep him under wraps to extent possible and not allow him undue opportunity catch public eye while in Yemen. Badr's chief purpose and perhaps that of Imam as well during Hassan's visit here, Al-Wazir said, was to try to "neutralize" Hassan by inducing him accept Badr as next ruler Yemen without permitting Hassan too much scope to exert his own leadership in country.

Comment: Hassans coming has created atmosphere of expectancy and tension among people and official circles especially in Palace. He has left Palace so far only to perform prayers at Mosque, these movements drawing few hundred on-lookers each time. In present sensitive situation believe Imam, Badr and Hassan all wish play down visit (reason for which given by radio Sanaa as Hassans desire see "sick mother"),

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and most people will wish appear neutral pending outcome family talks. If Imam remains alive visit will probably pass off quietly whether or not Hassan and Badr hurry hatchet. Should Imam die with Hassan still in country and unreconciled with Badr, open conflict including assassination of one or other or civil war could result. Others closely watching developments are large anti-Royalist elements who would like rid Yemen of Hamid-Al-Aadin family altogether.

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According Palace sources Prince Hassan spending considerable portion each day with Imam and has had several talks jointly with Imam and Crown Prince. Sources insist talks so far have not encompassed fundamental royal family and internal political problems. Since first day of Hassan's arrival when Badr seemed nervous, Palace atmosphere has been free of tension and Imam, Hassan and Badr all appear to be in relaxed mood. Hassan has to date left Palace only to pray at mosque. In obvious move to display family's solidarity Badr and Hassan rode in same jeep and prayed publicly together June 16. GOY officials and public watching and listening intently but quietly.

Scheduled Hassan visit to Sanaa has not yet taken place.

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In brief call at my house June 29 Prince Hassan ibn ALI volunteered information that there has still been no serious discussion between Sayf al-Islam al-HASSAN, Imam and Crown Prince regarding basic royal family relationships or future Yemeni regime.

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SUBJECT: Random Observations on Two Possible Future Rulers of Yemen

CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD al-BADR

The Crown Prince recently has been given added authority by the Imam and has been acting virtually as Prime Minister of Yemen since March 1961. Generally described as a weak and vascillating personality, Badr has nevertheless recently shown he is not entirely incapable of conducting the affairs of this country which, while primitive, is nevertheless enmeshed in the cold war. Badr has apparently thought his personal position through to the extent of following advice he believes to be sound and of trying to reconcile his position to the various important competing factions within the country and as between East and West. He has in general acted of late with a fair degree of statesmanship under the circumstances of the indisposition of the Imam since the March assassination attempt and what he undoubtedly believes is a threat to him personally from his unreconciled uncle Sayf al-Islam al-HASSAN.

The future of the Crown Prince as the next ruler of Yemen is to say the least highly uncertain. He may be the hopeless weakling and pro-Communist that most of the royal family and many of the upper class in Yemen believe. Nevertheless it must be remembered that until the March assassination attempt against the Imam the Crown Prince had never been seriously invested with authority by the Imam. Frustrated and sulking in his tent in Sana'a and virtually ignored by the Imam for years, it was perhaps understandable that the Crown Prince did not put his best foot forward. It is possible that if he is allowed by the Imam to retain real authority over the Yemeni Government, with the Imam acting only in an advisory capacity, Badr will be able to take over the reins of government and institute the kind of dramatic reforms especially within the Government that he has promised for so long. Crown Prince Badr's ambitions to take over as ruler some day and his actions in the future will be determined largely in light of this fact. He does not consider himself irrevocably pro-East, pro-West or neutralist but like many a leader now-

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adays will accept the type of support from both within and without the country that he feels he needs to establish and solidify his position. While he may in the past have felt that this support could come only from the East and from supporters of the East, it now crosses his mind more and more frequently that in the long run he cannot ignore the West with impunity. Thus he may no longer be the "Red Prince" if indeed he ever seriously was.

PRINCE HASSAN IBN ALI

Prince Hassan ibn Ali who is perhaps 24 years of age is the son of an alcoholic but intrepid brother of the Imam, Sayf al-Islam Ali. Charming, modest, handsome and intelligent, Prince Hassan has clearly inherited his father's courage. He was for example the only person still standing beside the Imam on March 25, 1961 as the bullets from the guns of two would-be assassins were whistling into and around His Majesty. Although he looks boyish and innocent he is far from naive having grown up in the hard school of Yemeni palace intrigue. He is a royalist but at the same time a reformist, opposing the Crown Prince because he fears he is too weak and favoring Sayf al-Islam al-HASSAN at least in principle. Prince Hassan is in fact a remarkable and forceful character for his age. He plays his cards close to his chest and unlike many other Yemeni officials does not express his inner thoughts until he develops a high degree of confidence in his listener.

It seems most likely that Hassan ibn Ali has ambitions of his own that may run as high as the rulership of Yemen some day. Although still very young and without practical political experience, he is perhaps the most popular member of the Yemeni royal family. Scrupulous in his behavior and a follower of Moslem religious precepts in order to avoid conservative criticism, he nevertheless is also worldly wise. He drinks and smokes moderately, speaks fluent Italian, is a lover of and has an excellent collection of modern popular music.

In the uncertainties of the present situation in Yemen with respect to the future of the royal family itself, the outcome of disputes within the royal family (such as between the Crown Prince and Sayf Islam al-Hassan) and Communist presence in the country, Prince Hassan is playing a careful and intelligent game. He is basically however a staunch friend of the West and, barring an early revolution which sweeps out the royal family and the upper class altogether, Prince Hassan is certainly a leader to watch in the future.


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American Dr. Devere told me July 15 Imam successfully took few steps several days ago and now on schedule of walking perhaps ten paces across room twice daily. Except for shoulder-hand syndrome (pain is in hand only now) Imam's health is apparently excellent.

COMMENT: Imam will probably make public appearance soon to demonstrate he able to walk (he may also ride horseback) and that he is now fully "back in business."

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On August 1 Imam in company Saif Al-Islam Hassan and usual entourage dashed through streets of Taiz to airport in open auto. Rumors rapidly spread he intended return Hodeida. Airport officials confused because no order given prepare plane for his departure. Upon reaching airport Imam and Hassan merely sat in auto on runway while hundreds of well-wishers gathered about. Purpose of excursion seems to have been desire of Imam appear before people and indicate he once again actively ruling country.

July 30 Crown Prince travelled Sanaa allegedly visit sick mother. Informed Foreign Office source claims, however, Badr planning once again reside in Sanaa and trip for purpose arranging move.

To increasing extent in recent weeks Badr referring matters to Imam for final decision and discretionary power has practically vanished. With Imam touring Taiz and Badr losing grip on Government it appears conditions returning which existed prior assassination attempt with Imam ruling country and Badr perhaps once again confined seclusion of Sanaa.

For more than 3 weeks Imam suffering from rheumatism and talking of returning to Hodeida. Since July 19 when Crown Prince brought news renovation Hodeida Palace completed Imam particularly insistent on making move. American doctor Devere opposes change because even though Imam suffers from slight rheumatic condition in Taiz, he breathes easier in cool, clear atmosphere than in hot, humid Hodeida climate and in Devere's opinion his general health better.

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For time being Imam may remain in Taiz but he obviously prefers Hodeida for reasons of personal comfort. Informed sources in agreement he also apprehensive over latent hostility toward him in Taiz and would feel safer in Hodeida.

Imam not only assuming personal direction of affairs of country but eventually he can also be expected return to Hodeida.

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Dept arranging ship 80-pound telescope as gift for Imam by MATS
via ~~Asmara~~ and EAL to arrive in Taiz by first September. Cabling further
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Reference: Legation telegram 53.

As reported reference telegram, Dr. Warren Devere submitted resignation to Crown Prince Badr and Imam August 9. Resignation was in form identical brief notes as follows:

"1. I hereby submit my resignation as physician to His Majesty the Imam for personal reasons.

"2. My resignation is to be effective immediately. Respectfully, Warren H. Devere, M. D."

Devere's decision prompted by what he considered loss of status as unquestioned and sole physician to Imam. Two weeks previously he had secured Imam Ahmad's permission go to Aden to purchase vehicle for his personal use. His absence, originally anticipated as only three days, stretched out to full week. On return, he found that Prince Badr's Egyptian physician, Dr. Camel, had seized opportunity usurp his place in confidence of sovereign. While, during ensuing six days, Devere saw Imam daily, Dr. Camel also saw and treated him. Devere therefore decided terminate his contract with Imam and with ICA. Devere apparently sent his letters to Badr and Imam about noon August 9. Late same afternoon he proceeded report to ICA Director and Charge D'Affaires. Devere said he had requested audience with Crown Prince and Imam to explain reasons for his

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Dept regrets DeVere's resignation action but gratified with restraint exercised by Imam and Crown Prince. In view stresses involved this assignment invite your comment re advisability endeavor locate American replacement for DeVere as well proceed recruiting surgeon for Imam. Dept still encountering great difficulty locating surgeon and not sanguine re possibility finding physician at early date.

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Yemeni Charge Zabarah informed Dept Aug 22 he instructed by Imam request Dept's assistance in finding American doctor replace DeVere. Dept initiating effort recruit suitable physician bearing in mind consideration indicated last para reftel.

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Two boxes containing telescope and base for Imam scheduled leave U.S. Aug 25, arrive Taiz for Stookey Aug 29 by EAL Flight 291 at 10:55 a.m. way bill number 015DCA984427. Inform Dept and Asmara immediately if shipment fails arrive on schedule.

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 101, August 28, 4 p.m.

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MECOM representative Smith informed me that while in Rome recently he saw Prince Abd Al-Rahman. Despite increasing pressure from Iman to return to Yemen Abd Al-Rahman still prefers remain abroad. Impossible for him to express this reference however and as means of delaying final decision on matter he has requested permission visit Germany before returning.

Abd Al-Rahman told Smith that American Doctor Warren Devere who recently broke contract with Iman had called on him while passing through Rome. Devere provided Abd Al-Rahman with distorted account of incident which brought about his departure. Devere asserted furthermore that US Government has lost interest in Yemen and would certainly not undertake any new grant assistance.

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NO: 102, September 5, 9 a.m.

ACTION DEPARTMENT 102; INFORMATION JIDDA 24.

Lebanese nerve specialist Ahmad Naqib operated on Imam's left arm September 1/to remove knot remaining from assassination attempt and on nerve in shoulder in effort relieve chronic pain in arm. Dual operation given 50 percent chance producing desired results. If treatment successful, Imam's return to residence at Sukhna will presumably be lessened.

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ACTION JIDDA 25; INFORMATION DEPARTMENT 103.

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FOR AMBASSADOR:

786 H. 11/9. 561

Imam's operation (LEGTEL 24 sent Department 102) raises question whether he will recover sufficiently to receive you if your visit takes place last half September. Degree success operation should be known in few days.

I discussed with Abu Talib today. He suggested Imam could depute Crown Prince Badr receive your credentials on his behalf if mid-September most convenient time for you. Should Imam in fact be well enough by that time audience with him would of course be arranged. While prospect not seeing Imam disappointing I believe, subject your views, we might well follow Abu Talib's suggestion. Alternative would be indefinite postponement your visit and, when date agreed upon eventually, possible vexatious delay awaiting audience with Imam to present credentials.

As no basic negotiations with GOY pending at present, assume you would wish devote principal attention to seeing country, leading personalities and US activities. Time permitting, would suggest minimum 6 days at Taiz; fly Sanna and return by road (4 days); drive Mocha and return (1 day); fly Salif and return (1 day); fly Maarib and return (1 day).

On balance believe preferable you plan arrive Ethiopian Airlines via Asmara. Overnight stop Hodeida best avoided, and early morning start advisable for 10-hour surface trip to Taiz. EAL arrivals Taiz September 16, 17, 19.

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-2- 103, September 5, 9 a.m. From Taiz

Will welcome early advice your decision and comments on
proposed program.

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Control: 10365

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12:37 PM

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FROM: Jidda

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 157, September 14, 4 p.m.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 157, INFORMATION TAIZ PRIORITY 9.

Taiz telegram 113

In drafting Embassy telegram 156 have had much in mind reference telegram and its implications but feel departure plans should go forward unless Taiz or Department specifically disapprove.

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Control: 12326

Rec'd: September 19, 1961
12:50 a.m.

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FROM: Taiz

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 115, September 14, 9 a.m.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 115, JIDDA 29.

Crown Prince in Hodeida since September 10. Abu Talib states Badr resting up from over work. However Abu Talib's wife informed Mrs. Stookey yesterday Badr suffered heart attack before departing Taiz and doctors advised him move to lower altitude for recuperation.

Meanwhile Imam still suffering discomfort in left arm, extremely nervous and receiving virtually no one outside palace circle.

For Ambassador Hart: In view uncertain health both Imam and Badr hope you can keep length your visit flexible. From your telegram 7 (action Cairo 36) assume you plan arrive September 25 on Embassy Cairo plane. Should I request clearance land Taiz?

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TO: Secretary of State

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 172, INFORMATION TAIZ 11

TAIZ TELEGRAM SENT DEPARTMENT 115, JIDDA 29

PAO INFORMED SEPTEMBER 21 BY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE SAG OFFICIAL
THAT HE UNDERSTOOD CROWN PRINCE BADR UNDERGOING TREATMENT BY
TWO ITALIAN DOCTORS. NO FURTHER DETAILS.

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SENT TO:

ACTION: AmLegation TAIZ

Info:

INFO: AmEmbassy JIDDA

Dept has succeeded locating American Physician for Imam with previous Arabian Peninsula experience. However unavailable before January 1962 at earliest. Meanwhile, Dept ~~hopeful~~ arranging shortly through Defense ~~assignment~~ US Medical Officer to Asmara on TDY for purpose proceeding to and from Taiz attend Imam during interim period. You may inform GOY Fon Off foregoing.

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SENT TO: ACTION: Amlegation TAIZ 97

Info:

Cable brief summary surgical operating facilities available in Taiz hospital as well as palace where Imam presently resident. This information needed for briefing US Army surgeon scheduled arrive Yemen mid-October on TDY.

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ACTION: AmEmbassy ROME

INFO: AmLegation TAIZ

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View acquaintance with Crown Prince Badr Ambassador might wish take advantage Badr's expected presence in Rome to make courtesy visit. If this inconvenient, suggest possibility of call by senior Embassy officer. Following previous visit Rome, Badr made clear ~~his unhappiness at~~ failure any US official make call on him there in contrast calls made by number of chiefs of mission.

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TO: Secretary of State

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 583, INFORMATION ROME 10, JIDDA 21, TALZ 5

ITALIAN MIN YEMEN GUILLET TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 27 HE HAD JUST RECEIVED SUMMONS GO TO ROME TO RECEIVE CROWN PRINCE BADR, WHO EXPECTED ARRIVE IN ROME WITHIN FEW DAYS FOR VISIT. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TREATMENT OF PRINCES EAR, BUT GUILLET THINKS BADR MAY ALSO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATER VISIT BY IMAN, PRESUMABLY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 192; INFORMATION DHAHRAN 174, TAIZ 19, ADEN 7,
LONDON 39, CAIRO 53, BEIRUT 59Saudi Radio and press announce arrival Crown Prince Badr of
Yemen in Riyadh evening of September 27 coming from Jidda on
board Saudi plane. His visit described as private one to
King Saud.

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ACTION: AmLegation TAIZ 104

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INFO: AmEmbassy JIDDA 110
AmEmbassy ASMARA 64

Does Legation have any objection granting LT COL Alexander W. Ashford,
TDY physician for Imam, title of Attache' and issuing him diplomatic
passport?

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FROM: Taiz

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 141, September 30, 9 a.m.

Control: 21561

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11:15am

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Department telegram 97.

Surgeon in Taiz must expect function under great hardships due lack facilities. X-ray at hospital broken; portable X-ray available at Palace. No orthopedic equipment. Some tools for plastic surgery. Sterilizing machine operating theater inoperative due lack parts; unit in gynecology ward operative. Supplies such as gowns, gloves, plestmrs*, in short supply.

Most operations under local anesthetic due lack sufficient pentathal and lack of anesthetist. (However, local people bear up well under surgery with local anesthesia). No laboratory facilities to speak of, even sufficient for proper blood count.

There no really modern facilities at Salal Palace, although supply pharmaceuticals fair and certain equipment, including oxygent tent, available. GOY will order promptly any supplies, required for treatment Royal Family.

In addition inadequate facilities, surgeon should be prepared for eccentricity and even intractability on part Imam. HR. Gesparini was obliged, even in Rome, operation Imam for hernia with patient reclining on floor under local anesthetic. Staff of Taiz hospital has drawn up list requirements to bring institution up to minimum standard. Hopefully, GOY will shortly consent make necessary expenditure. Advise if further specific information required.

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 105, September 30, 1 p.m.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 105, INFORMATION JIDDA 138, LONDON 13,
CAIRO 12, BEIRUT PRIORITY 37, ROME 1, TAIZ 1, ADEN 3

Jidda telegram 192 to Department.

Crown Prince Badr of Yemen arrived Dammam September 29,
given small banquet, (10 sheep) by Amir Saud Ibn Jiluwi
Governor Eastern Province, same evening. Departing Dhahran
MEA flight 467, 0715Z September 30 en route Beirut after
short inspection ARAMCO facilities at Dhahran. CONGEN
reliably informed Badr plans remain Beirut overnight and
proceed Rome by air October 1.

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FROM: Taiz

TO: Secretary of State

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 140; INFORMATION JIDDA 35, ROME 3.

Legation's A-48 (A-46 to Jidda not sent Rome).

Crown Prince Badr departed for Sana'a September 26. Informed sources state he intends visit Saudi Arabia shortly. In conversation with Jidda PAO Isa Sabbagh September 27, Abu Talib offered unlikely explanation Badr will endeavor mediate between Saud and Faisal.

Reliable sources state Badr likely travel Italy soon for medical treatment, as advised by doctors. Italian physicians mentioned REPAIR diagnose cirrhosis of liver, brain lesions persisting from (#) blood, and ear trouble for which treatment abroad, interrupted last March by attempt on Imam's life. Doctors have discovered Badr drinking up to two bottles whiskey per day. Stopover Saudi Arabia, if made, might well have purpose ensuring Saudis take no action against Yemen rikmmi* during his absence.

While Imam having increasing recourse drugs to relieve pain, he has devoted considerable time and energy to public affairs since Badr's departure. German nerve specialist recently in attendance has advised him travel abroad for nerve resection (not yet performed contrary to report LEGTEL 102). Iman's left hand becoming atrophial from disuse since he suffers pain when arm and hand exercised. Palace has consulted local medical community, which concurs in recommendation for treatment abroad.

For time being, appears likely Badr will precede Iman abroad for treatment.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 142, INFORMATION ASMARA 3.

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DEPTEL 104. 786 H. 11/10-161
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No objection diplomatic passport Ashford. Title should be
simply attache, not military attache.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 143, INFORMATION JIDDA 36, ROME 4.

LEGTEL 140, repeated Jidda 35.

Reliably informed Crown Prince Badr will arrive Rome next day or two for medical treatment. Would be helpful if Embassy Rome can make some gesture courtesy during his presence Italy.

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Presented credentials late yesterday afternoon. Imam-bed-ridden with considerable pain in arm. Received me in Palace bedroom at Salah near Taiz. Yemeni officials present were Abu Talib, Hashem Bin Hashem and Abdul Karim Al-Wazir and Americans Stookay, Sabbagh, Flint.

Imam asked urgently for ETA American doctor and whether he surgeon. I promised to inquire and report. Imam urged Doctor bring "own instruments and medicines." He obviously remains anxious have both American physician and surgeon. Legation understands Lt. Col. Ashford is surgeon and will be replaced early next year by physician. Request Department confirm and keep Legation informed progress recruitment in order Imam may be advised. Imam's left arm giving him considerable trouble and Doctors fear decline in use left hand due to unwillingness exercise. He obviously much over weight and should be required to walk.

Most of conversation dwelt on state of his health and inequities of British in Aden protectorate. Details by despatch.

Proceeding Aden by car with Stookay October 4 and to Jidda by Aden Airways October 7.

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According

Italian Charge RUSTICO (GUILLET is on leave in Cairo) following are conclusions two Italian physicians summoned treat Crown Prince BADR:

Badr's indisposition due overwork and lack of sleep rather than any organic defect. No indication cardiac condition. Ear infection which caused trouble early this year almost completely healed.

Crown Prince is forced remain with Imam, who has insomnia, most of night, and deal with government affairs during day. As result, he usually gets only about four hours sleep. Consequent exhaustion produces fainting fits, of which he has three or four per day.

Doctors have advised Badr travel to Italy for laboratory tests which cannot be performed here. Imam reluctant let him leave country, however, and no final decision taken re possible trip.

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ETA Asmara Surgeon Ashford October 14. Will proceed Taiz within approximately two days. His replacement expected be either physician with some surgical training or surgeon with considerable physician experience.

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JOINT LEGATION-USOM MESSAGE

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Non-availability doctor causing serious problem. Glaros
persuaded remain additional month as stopgap.

Please intensify search for competent physician US community
plus possibility providing advisory services TOICA/Y re
best utilization hospital equipment obtained from excess.

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Yemeni Charge Mohammed Al-Wazir called on me to say this would be opportune moment for Crown Prince Badr to visit US. His medical treatment here should be concluded in about weeks time and Prince planned then go Switzerland for week whence he could proceed directly to US. Sayed Mohammed stressed difficulty for Prince to get out of Yemen when there and declining health his Royal Father, saying not possible to know when similar opportunity might again present itself. I offered no encouragement, pointing out difficulty of arranging visit on such short notice but assured him I would raise matter immediately with Department.

I of course have no idea whether proposal feasible from Department's point of view but feel impelled to report my conviction that trip would be excellent for US-Yemeni relations. FAO Stoltzfus now in Department would be ideal escort officer.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 156, JIDDA 41.

UK Charge Bailey relayed following given him in strict confidence by Italian Charge Rustico (protect sources):

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Just before departing for Cairo October 8 to assume duties as Minister UAS Council Prince Muhammad Ibn Al-Hussein intimated to Rustico that advantage may be taken Crown Prince's current absence Rome to mount anti-Badr coup. If Imam appears in streets during Accession Day celebrations next week he likely be assassinated. Prince Muhammad had told Rustico October 2 that Badr would not accede to throne while he (Muhammad) was alive.

Comment: Rustico is half Lebanese and speaks perfect Arabic. He arrived only recently, has little experience Yemeni affairs and may tend exaggerate significance anti-Badr talk by certain members royal family. However Prince Muhammad, while young (22) and of limited influence, known be among principal organizers pro-Hassan forces and possibility conspiracy exists cannot be entirely discounted. If story has substance, plot seems be primarily internal royal family affair calculated ensure Hassan's succession. On other hand various dissident elements would undoubtedly seize opportunity any change to attempt advance their interests (e.g. pro-Egyptians, free Yemenis or pro-Communists).

Regardless of existence and gravity of specific plot hinted by Muhammad, story emphasizes fragility present Yemen leadership

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which largely dependent upon two ailing and discredited men, and upon Deputy Foreign Minister Abu Talib who, though personally respected, is increasingly committed to continued rule of Imam and Badr.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 159, JIDDA 44.

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Rustico repeated to me October 9 material reported LEGTEL 156 and added following:

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According Prince Muhammad, Badr has insufficient local support maintain self on throne on demise of Imam and must have outside help. He has asked Soviets for commitment support him but they have refused. Hence he must rely on Egyptians. Latter expected land troops in Tihama (where Hassan presumed weakest) from units Egyptian Navy in Red Sea. However Hassan supporters aware this possibility and are prepared crush invaders as soon as they land.

Comment: Legation has no confirmation imminent attempt on life of Imam. While not rejecting possibility of coup attempt, continue believe Rustico's report should be treated with reserve.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 157, INFORMATION JIDDA 42.

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Unless Department perceives objection I plan send brief telegram congratulation and good wishes on behalf USG to Imam on anniversary his accession. Date of holiday not yet fixed but probably October 12 or 13.

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View announcement Imam of Yemen's abdication and appointment
Crown Prince Badr as successor, keep Dept informed re Badr's movements.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 230, INFORMATION ROME 7, LONDON 50, CAIRO 64,
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EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE

Reference: DEPTTEL sent Jidda 125, Taiz 128, Rome 1055.

Subject: Story of Imam's alleged abdication as seen from Jidda.

As of now news carried International Wire Services re abdication Imam of Yemen in favor Crown Prince Badr (MEF news roundup October 13 item 146 datelined Aden) appears be result misinterpretation statement of Imam over Radio Sana broadcast October 13. According part-time Embassy language instructor, also employed broadcasting division Saudi Directorate General Broadcasting, press and publications, Radio Sana fully covered by DG's Monitoring Service and no news re abdication picked up. He reports Sana did carry statement by Imam 13th gist of which was reaffirmation Badr's right succession, expression confidence in him and exhortation people to act in all things/as though word of Badr word of Imam. No implication, however, that Badr taking Imam's place at present. One local interpretation is that statement may have been issued in order pave way for Imam leave country for medical treatment, similar statement having been issued prior his last absence.

Sizeable Yemeni community Jidda agog at first news of abdication and stayed glued radio sets for next 24 hours seeking confirmation taking in incidentally Radio Sana's broadcast of celebration for anniversary Imam's succession. One group of Yemenis seemed

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visibly let down when voice of Imam came over radio evening of 14th to give holiday message.

Majority of Yemenis in Jidda Shafiis. They would like to see Badr succeed Imam since they consider him progressive, in touch with other Arab leaders. Imam himself unpopular with this group. Smaller Zaidi community supports both Imam and Badr as his successor on strictly religious grounds. Both groups poor, largely illiterate but nevertheless well-informed general political trends. Divide radio listening time mainly between Sana and Cairo.

Among Saudis false news of Imam's abdication coincided with interest already stimulated Yemeni affairs by Badr's brief stopover Riyadh en route Rome. No hard news Badr interview with King Saud has leaked out thus far but general interest stimulated on par with interest internal political developments Saudi Arabia itself.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 163, INFORMATION JIDDA 46.

Abu Talib called at Legation morning October 15 and said Imam had requested him explore informally with USG possibility his proceeding US for medical treatment. He had asked where best facilities were and Abu Talib assured him American doctors and hospitals best in world.

Abu Talib emphasized this would be purely private visit, and Imam's party would be kept to reasonable size (perhaps fifteen or twenty, as compared with 75 or so in 1959 trip Italy. Substance of party would in any case be for GOY account.) He stressed importance Imam's treatment in US would have in strengthening US-Yemen relations, and asked me investigate possibility indication by USG that Imam welcome travel US for treatment. I said I appreciated Imam's confidence in US medicine, would explore possibilities promptly, and hoped suitable arrangement could be worked out.

As alternative to present leadership Yemen difficult predict, and could well be inimical to US, we have clear interest in health and vigor of Imam during next few years. Successful treatment in US would be invaluable contribution to continued strengthening Yemeni confidence in and cooperation with US.

Regardless result treatment, our willingness help powerful psychological factor. Legation therefore urges Department make every

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every effort arrange Imam's hospitalization, preferably at Hethesda or Walter Reed, and explore possibility assisting in transport Imam and party between Europe and US.

Would appreciate early advice how I may reply Imam's inquiry. Badr expected return soon from Italy and Imam wishes arrange departure shortly thereafter.

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Before replying to Imam's inquiry prefer you consult with

LT COL Ashford who scheduled arrive Taiz October 17. Should

Ashford, following examination Imam, consider medical treatment in

US advisable, inform Dept.

FYI. Dept much prefers Imam seek any necessary medical attention
non-Communist
in Lebanon, Italy or other European center. Undesirable publicity which
accompanied his visit to Italy likely be heightened here and include severe
criticism of USG for identifying itself with such an eccentric leader
and his archaic regime. END FYI

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Before leaving Washington Ashford stated he would be happy advise
Legation and ICA/Y on contemplated hospital for American community. Mission
requested take advantage Ashford's presence Taiz prepare and submit plans
utilizing hospital equipment presently on hand, and recommendations for
whatever additional equipment required.

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TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1306, October 17, 1 p.m.

ACTION DEPARTMENT 1306, INFORMATION JIDDA 5, TAIZ 7.

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Crown Prince Badr on recommendation Italian medical advisers proceeding today Geneva for ear operation by Swiss specialist. Expects subsequently return Rome.

Re Taiz 143 and DEPTTEL 937 I have kept in touch with Prince through Sayed Mohammed El-Wazir and Guillet and offered to call and to arrange small luncheon for Prince. Latter graciously regretted saying he had turned down several Arab Ambassadors on grounds he seeing no one for time being and felt he should maintain principle.

His entourage continues express his interest in visit to US. I will be grateful for anything I may pass on in reply (EMBTTEL 1217). - 10 961

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RMR ACTION DEPARTMENT 240, INFORMATION TAIZ 27.

FOR ARMIN MEYER DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEA

Re Taiz telegram 163.

Warmly endorse recommendations reference telegram. I recall
Walter Reed and Naval Hospital Bethesda during 1960 both
expressed to me willingness in principle cooperate in such
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ACTION DEPARTMENT 169; INFORMATION JIDDA 49, ROME 6.

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Rome telegram 4 (1217 to Department, 3 to Jidda).

Charge has consistently supported Badr visit to US as calculated risk designed gain Imam's confidence. However, such visit should by no means affect consideration offering medical treatment in US to Imam himself. Believe Imam firmly intends go abroad for treatment, in US or elsewhere, as soon as Badr present to assume Regency. Latter hence not in position seriously consider invitation which, in view inquiry reported LEGTEL 163 (not repeated Rome) would place US in equivocal position vis-a-vis Imam.

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Since Crown Prince had

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returned to Yemen before White House approved invitation, NEA believes it would ~~not~~ ^{be appropriate to extend} invitation. *DK*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

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The importance of assuring that the Crown Prince obtains a favorable impression of this country is indicated by the fact that in recent years the possibility of Soviet Bloc domination of Yemen has become a real one. Seeking foreign help to assist in its modernization, Yemen has accepted substantial Sino-Soviet Bloc military and economic aid with the result that the Bloc presence is the predominant foreign one in Yemen today. Under these circumstances the United States has had to address itself to the problem of how to prevent the growth of the Bloc position to a point where it could serve tangible strategic purposes or where it might facilitate the creation of a Communist-dominated government.

Arriving on the scene after the USSR and Communist China, the United States has moved in the last three years through diplomatic and economic channels to establish a modest presence in Yemen. We have sought to counter the Sino-Soviet influence by a number of steps, including opening a diplomatic mission in Yemen, providing surplus wheat and flour to meet acute drought-induced shortages, constructing a key 250-mile road from the coast to the interior, and installing a municipal water system in Taiz.

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While Crown Prince Badr is a weak individual who may well lack the capacity to retain the throne once he succeeds to it--particularly in view of the presence of forces in Yemen which may actively oppose his succession upon the death of the Imam, it would be unwise for us to assume the early demise of the Imam or the early eclipse of the Crown Prince. As recently as October 12 in a speech which was at first misinterpreted to denote his abdication, the Imam reaffirmed his wish to have Badr succeed him. Our current posture is to maintain the best possible relations with Prince Badr and to avoid creating the impression that we oppose him because of his past pro-Soviet proclivities.

We believe that if the President were to receive Crown Prince Badr should the latter visit this country, United States interests in Yemen would be enhanced. An advance indication to the Crown Prince that the President is prepared to receive him would be in our interests even if he should choose not to come. Accordingly, we propose sending the enclosed telegram to our Ambassador in Rome, where the Prince is now staying, indicating that the President would be happy to receive the Crown Prince should he be in Washington, D. C. in the course of his proposed private visit to the United States. I also enclose a copy of Embassy Rome's telegram reporting the Yemeni approach on this matter.

Wm. H. Brubeck

L. D. Battle
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Telegram to American Embassy, Rome.
2. Rome's Telegram 1217, October 9.

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Rome's 1217.

While visit Crown Prince Badr to US would probably enhance US-Yemen relations, President's crowded schedule prevents extension official USG invitation. Nevertheless, should Badr choose make private visit to US, President would be pleased receive him. Accordingly, Ambassador requested call on Crown Prince and indicate that should Badr contemplate visiting US, President Kennedy would be most happy to receive him in Washington, D. C. Care should be taken Badr does not rpt not misconstrue this as official invitation.

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L. D. Battle
Executive Secretary

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Tab A - Telegram to American
Embassy, Rome.

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 1350, October 19, 9 p.m.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 1350, INFORMATION JIDDA 6, TAIZ 8.

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EMBTTEL 1306

Mohammed el-Wazir telephoned me from Lausanne to say that Crown Prince Badr has entered clinic there for weeks treatment. Badr had also just received orders from Imam to return to Yemen immediately upon completion thereof. Accordingly there was no possibility of trip to US in foreseeable future (DEPTEL 1100).

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Rome's 1350.

Should Crown Prince Badr return to Yemen via Rome or should you otherwise have some occasion to communicate with him either directly or indirectly, request you inform Crown Prince USG had been informed of his earlier intention make private visit US. Now that he is returning to Yemen, we wish him well and trust that he will find his father in better health.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to National Day
Message

On October 24 Mr. Bromley Smith sent us
the attached telegram in Arabic of October 24
from the King of Yemen to the President. The
telegram and translation thereof are enclosed.
Since the King's telegram was sent in reply
to the President's recent message of congratula-
tions on the anniversary of the King's accession
to the throne, it is recommended that no reply
be made.

David Korn
for

L. D. Battle
Executive Secretary

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AAC2/OCTO BER 24, 1961, VIA MACKAY RADIO

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FROM: THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL, IMAM AHMED, KING OF YEMEN
TO : HIS EXCELLENCY, JOHN KENNEDY,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE THANK YOU VERY SINCERELY FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ACCESSION TO THE THRONE AND WE WISH
YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE VERY
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 24, 1961

TO: Mr. L. D. Battle

FROM: Mr. Smith *Bromley*

For translation and recommendation.

*Letter of Thanks to
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Yemen*

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FROM: Jidda

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 257, October 27, 2 p.m.

ACTION DEPARTMENT 257, INFORMATION DIAHRAN 230, LONDON
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In course of courtesy call on October 26 to introduce
COMTEZASTON to Amir of Mecca, Prince Abd Allah Bin
Saud, asked if King Saud would be coming to Jidda in
near future. Prince replied that he was expected in
about a week. When I asked reason for visit Prince said
King was coming to receive Imam of Yemen, who is expected
to stop off in Jidda to call on Saud. According to Abd
Allah, Imam will be travelling up Red Sea by ship since
he dislikes air travel.

While there have been recent rumors Saud would come to
Jidda in near future, this is first time Embassy has heard
this explanation. For time being, possibly because of
uncertainty as to exact schedule Imam, no public announcement
has been made that Saud will come to Jidda.

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 187, October 29, 9 a.m.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 187, INFORMATION JIDDA 57

LEGTEL 175

Colonel Ashford summoned to Palace October 28th. Charge accompanied him, presented him to Imam and remained during Ashford's examination.

Ashford found Imam basically fair shape, although somewhat under influence narcotic component "lithic cocktail" injections prescribed by German nerve specialist whom Imam recently consulted. Sensation left arm less keen than right, but believes tendency toward atrophy can be arrested. Ashford intends propose nicotinic acid treatment to improve circulation, endeavor reduce Iman's dependence on narcotics, encourage him adhere to orderly regime, exercise left arm so as promote normal use, and increase general exercise, particularly walking.

Ashford sees no reason Iman cannot be restored fair condition of health. On other hand, he aware Iman's history as recalcitrant patient, and is under no illusions re likelihood Imam will submit to orderly and austere regime involving some discomfort. If Imam fails follow proposed treatment, he believes it might be advisable for him to go abroad, where his whim would not be law, and where it would be possible subject him to medical discipline. However, before making such recommendation, Ashford wishes observe result his proposals for treatment here. Legation will keep in close touch with him and inform Department.

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Comment: Imam obviously in much better shape and less pain than when he received Ambassador Hart October 1. He was well impressed by thoroughness Ashford's examination, and Legation hopes initial favorable impression will be strengthened.

During audience Imam again asked Charge about American internist he still desires, and complained about slow progress on Taiz-Ibb road. (Charge replied we must concentrate present efforts near Mocha, as dust and sand raised by winter winds will soon preclude use machinery in Tihama.

Imam's delay in receiving Ashford obviously connected with Mocha customs incident (LEGTELS 180 and 181). On basis initial interview, believe Colonel Ashford's assignment eminently worthwhile. There some indication Egyptian Doctor Gamal intriguing against him, but trust US now has enough friends near Imam to minimize effect these machinations.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 190, INFORMATION JIDDA 58.

LEGTELS 163 and 169.

Colonel Ashford traveled Asmara November 2-5 on special GOY plane, had blood and urine analyses made at Kagnaw Hospital, transmitted telephotos chest X-rays and electrical cardiogram to Walter Reed Hospital and conferred by telephone with Army cardiac and causalgia specialists.

On basis laboratory work and consultations Ashford recommending to Imam digitalis treatment to relieve cardiac condition resulting in shortness breath, improve general physical condition and encourage exercise, followed by stellate ganglion actomy for relief causalgia due to gunshot wound which is source pain in left arm and hand. (Ashford has observed no influence narcotics beyond those of "lythic cocktail" being taken under German nerve specialists prescription. He has recommended gradual reduction and elimination this treatment. No evidence senility or diabetes. Blood analysis indicates Imam has never had syphilis).

Ashford states Walter Reed causalgia specialists thoroughly experienced in this field. They convinced Imam's is normal case this disorder which can be permanently relieved by proposed operation, which they would be glad undertake. Can be done under local anesthetic. Treatment would require about ten days hospitalization. As Walter Reed staff would certainly

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certainly not volunteer treat case if prospect success unfavorable, Ashford strongly recommends Imam be invited have operation performed there. Early performance indicated surgical procedure preferable from medical viewpoint.

Relatively short period hospitalization required and definite prospect successful treatment place matter Imam's proposed travel to US in new light and minimize publicity risk noted by Department. While Imam Ahmad admittedly eccentric and his regime outmoded, USG is cooperating with growing effectiveness with his Government in development his country. His decisions affecting US activities are increasingly reasonable when he has facts before him. His good will during remaining years his reign essential to establishment US position Yemen which will enable us influence inevitable social and political change along democratic rather than Communist lines. Thus we have much to gain by fostering his confidence in and disposition work with US. Therefore urge Department authorize Legation invite Imam have recommended treatment performed at Walter Reed. Department may contact Colonel George Hayes at Walter Reed for full medical details.

Despatch follows with copy Ashford's medical report to Surgeon General. However in view long pouch transit time, expected return Badr this weekend and probable early decision by Imam re treatment abroad, hope Department will be able act without awaiting report.

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We believe political advantage to be derived would be almost as great if operation performed in US Army Hospital at Asmara. Advantages of Asmara include: (1) proximity to Yemen; (2) minimum of unfavorable publicity; (3) minimal cost to USG on assumption we would need defray travel and other expenses Imam and retinue if brought to US. While medical facilities Asmara less complete than Walter Reed, Defense able make satisfactory arrangements there and would fly in four specialists.

Accordingly, request your opinion whether Imam, assured of attention by specialists, would refuse Asmara and insist on US or Europe.

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SUBJECT: Medical Report on Imam Ahmad

Enclosed is a narrative report on Imam Ahmad's physical condition prepared by Lt. Col. Alexander W. Ashford, Attache of the Legation assigned to attend His Majesty.

In view of Colonel Ashford's judgment, which is concurred in by the other doctors whom the Imam has called in consultation, that permanent relief of the Imam's present discomfort can be achieved by an operation requiring only a brief period of hospitalization, the Legation strongly recommends that the Imam be invited to have the treatment performed at Walter Reed Army Hospital, for the reasons reported in the reference telegram and previous communications on this subject.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

On March 26, 1961, His Majesty the Imam of Yemen was struck by five bullets fired at a distance of approximately 15' from an automatic pistol. (The calibre of this pistol is not definitely known; some rumors say that it was a .25 and others that it was a .32 calibre Luger-type weapon.) Three of these bullets caused only superficial wounds of no medical significance. One struck the right femur about 5 centimeters below the greater trochanter and caused a comminuted fracture. One bullet struck the Imam just to the right of mid-line in the back between the scapula bones. The exact course which this bullet traversed is unknown but it was removed from a subcutaneous site on the medical aspect of the left arm about 5 cms from the distal end of the humerus. The Imam stated that he felt a sharp pain throughout the entire left upper extremity at the time this bullet struck him, but there was no history of actual paralysis. It is my opinion that this bullet went between the scapula and the rib cage and damaged the brachial plexis without actually transecting any motor fibres. According to Dr. Gamal, an Egyptian physician, the Imam's left upper extremity was immobilized in an Ace bandage for at least one month following the injury. During this time the Imam was not allowed to move the left upper extremity or exercise it in any way. As best I am able to determine, not speaking Arabic, the Imam has never been completely free of pain in the left upper extremity since the date of the injury. The Imam denies that there has been any improvement in the burning sensation in the palm of the left hand where it is greatest and on the volar aspect of the left forearm since the day of the injury. (Of course the Imam was in shock and semiconscious for approximately one week following the injury and is not able to recall the exact onset of the hot, burning, pain which he describes today.) The Imam states that submerging the left forearm and hand in ice water gives him the best relief he has had except for several hours following a complete stellate ganglion and brachial plexis block performed by a German physician approximately two months ago. His Majesty found this relief so gratifying that following the departure of the German physician he ordered one of his nurses to perform the same procedure which resulted in extreme hypotension (nobody was able to obtain a blood and pulse pressure for three hours). The Imam had threatened to cut the nurse's head off unless he duplicated the block which the German doctor had done with novacaine. I have been unable to ascertain what medication was injected by the nurse. The same German doctor recommended a so-called lytic cocktail composed of novacaine, Megaphen, Dolantin, Atossil. These four drugs are mixed with normal saline to a solution of 8 ccs and the Imam is given a 2 cc injection Q4H PRN (my investigation of these drugs reveal that this 8 cc mixture amounts to approximately 100 milligrams of Demeral (Dolantin), 100 milligrams of Thorazine and about 100 milligrams of an anti-histamine drug similar to Chlorpromazine. As best I am able to determine the Imam has not been receiving more than about 200 milligrams of Demeral per day since I arrived here two weeks ago.

I have been informed by the Egyptian doctor that the Imam's pulse rate was always about 100 even before the assassination attempt and also that his respiration was rapid which was attributed to emphysema even before the date of his

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injury.

A number of physicians from many countries including Russia, Germany and Italy have examined the Imam and have been unable to relieve his chief complaint of burning in the area described in the left upper extremity. A German masseuse was sent to Taiz about one month ago with the idea of initiating physiotherapy. The Imam found her first treatment so painful that he has refused to allow any additional massage treatment in the past month. Apparently any stimulation such as movement or even drying of the skin increase the degree of pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

The Imam is an estimated 200 lb, 5'4" tall, 71-year-old man. His temperature is normal, pulse varies between 100 and 122, blood pressure ranges from 145/80 to 185/110. On all occasions he has been mentally alert when seen by me although other doctors report that at times he has been lethargic and dull. Examination of the head and neck is essentially negative except that pupils usually constricted and fail to react to light (it has not been His Majesty's pleasure to allow me to darken the room when I examine his eyes). Examination of the ears, nose, mouth and throat was negative. Teeth are absent, he generally wears the lower plate without the upper. The chest is barrel shaped. He definitely has emphysema. Breathing is mostly diaphragmatic. Auscultation of the lungs usually reveals some moist rals over the base of the lungs posteriorly. Breath sounds are faint because of obesity. Respiration is usually about 18 per minute when sitting erect with his cushions. In the recumbent position dyspnea develops and rate of respiration increases to 28 or 30 a minute. Auscultation of the heart reveals a rate averaging 110 per minute, rhythm is regular and no murmurs were heard. The abdomen is exceedingly obese and it was not His Majesty's pleasure to allow me to measure the circumference with a tape measure. The estimated circumference is 50". There is a well healed scar at the site of an umbilical hernia repair. The umbilicus was removed at the time of this procedure. (I have never examined the Imam without at least 10 other people being present in the room and it has not been His Majesty's pleasure to allow me to check him for additional hernias or do a rectal examination.) An old first examination indicates the prostates to be slightly enlarged with no nodules suggesting cancer.

EXTREMITIES:

Circumference of the normal right arm is 13" mid-shaft of the humerus, left arm 12½". The circumference of the right forearm is 10" and the left forearm 9½". The thena eminence of the left hand shows a moderate degree of atrophy as compared with the normal right side. The distal phalanx of both the left thumb and left index finger show definite evidence of atrophy as compared with the normal right digits. There is no apparent variation in activity of the sweat glands comparing the right with the left hand. All wounds both entrance and exits of bullets are well healed. The circumference of the right thigh is 18-3/4", left thigh 19". Circumference of right calf 12½", left calf 13-3/4". The Imam is unable to touch the back of his head with his left hand. There is evidence of some degree of adhesive capsulitis in the left shoulder joint and when asked to move the left shoulder he moves his scapula the maximum and the shoulder joint the minimum. He is unable to approximate the fingers of the

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left hand to the palm of the left hand. There is weakness of grip in the left hand with some slight tremor of the fingers when he attempts to squeeze with the left hand. There is no intention tremor whatever in the right hand. He is able to approximate the tip of all four fingers of the left hand to the thumb. There is hypesthesia of the left hand and forearm to pin pricks over the distribution of radial, medial and ulnar nerves but pain is described only in the distribution of the medial nerve being greatest in the palm of the hand.

LAB FINDINGS:

CBC and urinalysis are in normal limits. X-rays of the chest (all very poor) reveal cardiomegaly, evidence of pulmonary edema and an x-ray taken in June reveal some pleural fusion in the base of the right lung. Contrary to a report which appeared in TIME magazine some time ago the Imam's serology is negative. EKG read by very competent U.S. internist reported abnormal E.C.G. with tachycardia, and a picture compatible with coronary artery disease.

DIAGNOSIS:

1. Causalgia, left upper extremity, distribution of medial nerve.
2. Early congestive heart failure.
3. Emphysema.
4. Well healed fracture of right femur with no significant residuals.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Digitalization.
2. Transportation to a well equipped hospital for a stellate ganglionectomy under a local anesthesia.

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Abu Talib informs me Imam has requested Crown Prince Badr
visit Cairo, Amman and Saudia Arabia on return trip Yemen.
Badr instructed urge Nasser moderate current violent tone
Cairo radio against other Arab Governments. Visit to
King Hussein is in response to long-standing invitation.
Badr not expected arrive Taiz for at least one week.

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Sayed Mohammed Abd Al-Qaddus tells me Prince Badr now in Zurich and expected return Yemen in about fortnight. Although originally planning return via Beirut, Sayed Mohammed now believes Prince may stop over Cairo. Apparently Egyptians would like to review with him Yemeni-Egyptian relations and provisions UAS in light recent developments.

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DEPTEL 168 (159 to Jidda).

Asmara impractical for treatment Imam due strained Yemen-Ethiopian relations ensuing closure Ethiopian Legation Taiz and recent IEG recognition Israel. This confirmed by Abu Talib with whom I discussed Departments reservations re trip to US in strict confidence November 12. Also CO Kagnev base informed Ashford treatment of Imam there would complicate base relations with Ethiopian authorities.

I suggested to Abu Talib AUB hospital Beirut as possibility. He believes in any Arab country Imam would be besieged by Arab dignitaries who would obstruct process treatment and recuperation.

Rome has grave disadvantage in sensitivity Italians, who would certainly be offended if American specialists called into treat Imam in Italian hospital. American hospital in Paris impossible for obvious political reasons.

After discussing with Colonel Ashford, believe best alternative to Walter Reed would be US Army 97th General Hospital Frankfurt, which among best-equipped in Europe, convenient for specialists from US, and near excellent airport. In discussing with army would be advisable arrive at reasonable ceiling for size Imam's suite, and ascertain whether we can assist with transporting party between

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(for example) Dhahran and Frankfurt.

Would appreciate early consideration this alternative, and authorization propose to Crown Prince on his return (presumably in about one week). Advisable also consult with German Charge Steffen who returning Germany end this month. FRG might be prepared contribute success trip by arranging suitable place where Imam could rest and recuperate upon leaving hospital.

Doctor Gamal has informed Ashford Imam has expressed to him several times recently his intention obtaining treatment in US, and Gamal has encouraged idea. Imam's approach is thus not momentary whim, and full political advantage could be gained only by visit to US. On other hand legation appreciates expense and risks involved, including uncertainty Imam will submit to discipline required for full benefit of treatment. If Department decides trip to US impractical, believe Frankfurt alternative can be proposed to Imam without appearing total rebuff. Abu Talib has useful ideas re possible disadvantages US visit from Yemeni point view which can be intimated to Imam.

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Defense prefers use facilities US Army Hospital Landstuhl, Germany because better equipped than Frankfurt for this type operation. Accordingly, arranging for use Landstuhl and for despatch three US Army surgeons to Landstuhl to perform operation.

Imperative you keep size Imam's suite to absolute minimum. You should pursue excellent suggestion of consulting Steffen re FRG assistance in facilitating recuperation.

Unlikely US military transportation can be arranged for Imam and party to Frankfurt but investigating possibility. Suggest you ascertain possibility MECOM providing Convair or FRG arranging transportation via Lufthansa.

For CAIRO: What would be availability air attache' plane for this purpose in event of need.

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We know nothing of background of proposal Department
telegram 98 to Asmara that Imam of Yemen receive treatment
Kagnew Station. If decision affirmative, assume Department
prefers political gains which would outweigh likely
problems such as security, establishment precedent,
possible demise Imam, et cetera.

In any event, assume arrangements would be made only after
concurrence IEG.

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Treatment Imam at Kagnew Station no longer contemplated.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 866, INFORMATION TAIZ 12, JIDDA 33, BONN 6, FRANKFURT 4.

Reference: DEPTTEL 171 to Taiz repeated Cairo 666 Bonn 1418 Frankfurt 422 Jidda 161

Cairo Attache plane has scheduled trip to Beirut and Adana November 19-22. While this trip could be put off in case of urgent necessity, clearances obtained and number of arrangements made and AIRA would prefer not to cancel unless absolutely essential.

Not clear what leg of journey contemplated for AIRA plane. Presumably not whole journey which would require four fueling stops and two overnight crew rests. If necessary AIRA could fly Imam Yemen-Cairo but even that would require ten hours and one fueling stop, presumably at Jidda. It would seem far more desirable install Imam comfortably on larger plane as soon as possible and fly him whole journey without transfer to other aircraft. If other possibilities third paragraph reference telegram not feasible, AIRA strongly recommends pressurized C-54-type aircraft available in Europe which bunks six and seats additional six. C-54-type has toilet, galley and other conveniences suitable head of state. It could pick up Imam at Asmara or Jidda and fly him whole journey with only one fueling stop.

AIRA has replied along similar to Department Defense.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 195; INFORMATION JIDDA 61.

Angle Smith arrived Taiz November 13 from Switzerland where he saw Badr and number Yemeni Princes, all of whom aware Badr's request visit US and Imam's request for medical treatment in US. They assume Badr summoned return Yemen so as permit Imam travel US.

Understand Smith communicated to Department MECOM offer arrange visit Texas for Imam and party. In Legation's view this would afford excellent supplement to medical treatment, emphasize private nature trip and give Imam opportunity see something of US with minimum expense and administrative effort to USG. We continue believe treatment elsewhere than US would produce marginal political advantage, and hope Department's continued consideration factors advanced previous LEGTELS this subject will lead favorable decision. We attach particular importance to attitude Badr during absence Imam, which will have important bearing on rate progress US activities Yemen, and which would certainly be cooperative if his father in US.

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Dear Mr. Gilpatric:

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I should therefore be grateful if you would take whatever steps are necessary to authorize a special detail to carry out the operation on Imam Ahmad in Germany and to waive the usual hospitalization charges in the military installation.

Sincerely yours,

7st U. Alexis Johnson

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Deputy Under Secretary

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The Honorable
Roswell L. Gilpatric,
Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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TO : G - Mr. Johnson

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FROM : NEA - Phillips Talbot *(T)*

SUBJECT: Arranging for Department of Defense Medical Team to Minister to Imam of Yemen

Discussion:

Imam Ahmad of Yemen sustained serious wounds some months ago during an attempted assassination at Taiz. Certain complications growing out of the wounds sustained now make a surgical operation necessary. The Yemeni monarch has a great deal of faith in American medicine and has indicated he would like to have the operation performed by American surgeons. We believe it would be in our best interests to comply with his request. Agreement in principle to make military specialists available has already been obtained from the Office of the Surgeon General, United States Army, which has asked, however, that a formal request be sent by you to the Department of Defense.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter to the Under Secretary of Defense asking that appropriate U.S. military specialists be designated to perform the necessary operation on the Imam, probably at a U.S. military hospital in Germany, and asking that the normal hospitalization charges be waived.

Attachment:

Letter to Deputy Secretary of Defense

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According reliable sources in Hodeida Imam several days ago seized number of persons suspected of plotting against him and Crown Prince. Among those reportedly arrested were head of military college in Sana'a al-Ja'ifi, paramount Shaikh Abdullah bin 'Ali bin Manna' from Sa'da area (Sahar al-Sham and Sahar al-Yemeni tribes) Sheikh Maghraba of Hashid tribe and Sayyid Muhammad Abd al-Qadir, nephew of Min of Public Works. All reportedly released January 31 except bin Manna' who has long been sought by the Imam for treason and who may well lose his head. Imam has now rid himself of three top tribal opponents: Hashid Shaikh al-Ahmar executed year ago; Al-Rassassi (of Rassassi tribe, Baidha area) in prison and now bin Manna' captured.

Although nephew Muhammad cleared this time of plotting charge, his arrest is bad omen for Min of Public Works Sayyid Yahya Abd al-Qadir who himself only recently released from prison by Imam. Abd al-Qadir family was associated with Prince Abdullah during his ill-fated coup d'etat in 1955. Sayyid Yahya does not enjoy full confidence of Imam and is particularly hated by Crown Prince from whom he can expect little kindness if and when Badr takes over as ruler of Yemen.

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Pro-Western GOY officials such as Prince Abdul RAHMAN, Mohammad al-WAZIR and Abu TALIB continue stress importance of early visit by Crown Prince BADR to U.S. According these officials present encouraging development of better US-Yemeni relations could be negated, despite Imam's increasing confidence in U.S., if Crown Prince not promptly brought into picture. As designated future ruler of Yemen, Crown Prince now in position influence Imam decisively either toward West or against it.

To these approaches I have replied that USG normally has heavy schedule of official visits and that additional requests not always easy to fit in. I have added personal opinion that in view necessarily limited nature of any US economic aid program in Yemen within predictable future, USG was undoubtedly concerned Crown Prince might be disappointed with practical results in which case visit would be counter-productive.

Friendly GOY officials recognize these problems and have asked if Washington could nevertheless provide some general idea of what possible future project offer or offers are, subject to Congressional appropriations, available for presentation to the Crown Prince. With this background information and subject assurances USG favorably considering invitation, these officials would endeavor prepare minds of Imam and Crown Prince regarding what Crown Prince could expect to result from his visit.

I fully agree with these officials assessment of importance to Western position in Yemen of Crown Prince's attitude. If, as I hope, Department seriously considering visit to US by Crown Prince, believe suggestion of our friends that Imam and Crown Prince be prepared in advance for results of a US visit by Badr is excellent one.

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SUBJECT: Young Yemeni Officer Fails in Attempt to Assassinate Imam

Following is an account of the recent attempt made to assassinate Imam Ahmad and the implications of the event as seen from Hodeida.

In the early evening of March 26 the Imam suddenly decided to be x-rayed at the Hodeida Hospital (he had complained of a sore back the previous day), and to visit one of his most trusted bodyguards, al-Nagib 'Ali Mani', injured about two months ago in an auto accident from which the Imam himself had escaped unharmed. The hospital staff was alerted as well as various doctors in town including Dr. Warren DEVERE, an American internist who had arrived in Hodeida March 24 to begin his contract as the Imam's personal physician.

The Imam, his entourage and guards arrived at the hospital at about 7:30 P.M. His Majesty proceeded immediately to the room of his ill body guard. Meanwhile, the quiet order of the captain of the hospital guard, Lt. 'Ali 'Unfi, forbidding the Imam's armed escort to enter the hospital and closing the main gate appears to have gone unnoticed at the time. His Majesty remained some time with his body guard and then departed for the x-ray room along a balustraded outer corridor. Seconds later, from across a low wall and near an outside drinking fountain, ten pistol shots were fired at the Imam. Three small bore bullets struck him in one leg and another in his leg, and as His Majesty pitched forward onto the floor another seared across his shoulders and lodged in his left upper arm. Two members of the Imam's entourage were also hit: one died immediately from a wound in the stomach and another is in serious condition. Medical opinion is that had the would-be assassins (it is believed there were two) used .45 caliber pistols instead of those of about .32 caliber, the Imam would surely have been killed.

In the furor that followed, the murderers escaped from the hospital compound but one was hotly pursued by the Imam's soldiers to the power station where he attempted unsuccessfully to switch off the city lights. There a cautious gun fight ensued, the soldiers hoping to capture him alive. The soldiers finally entered the station, however, to find that

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their quarry, the same Lt. 'Unfi, had committed suicide. 'Unfi was strung up by the neck and placed on public display on a palm tree before the palace the next morning.

Bleeding profusely, the victims of 'Unfi's attack were given first aid at the hospital. The Imam was then hurriedly removed to one of his palaces, Dar al-Bawni, where flanked by Dr. Devere, Mr. Fuad el-Khoury of ICA/Yemen who acted as Devere's interpreter, an Italian and two other Soviet doctors, a Russian surgeon worked all night to remove the slug in the Imam's arm and to make certain no others were lodged in his body. The next day the Imam's blood pressure began to drop and he could retain neither food nor water. At Devere's insistence over the objections of the other doctors, saline solution was flown down from Taiz and fed to the Imam intravenously. Thereafter the Imam showed marked improvement and has since gained strength slowly but steadily. The battery of doctors attending the Imam was swelled with the arrival of a French and three Italian doctors from Sana'a and Taiz. A redundant Italian medical team of chest specialists also arrived in Hodeida March 30. Devere however has been in constant attendance on the Imam since the shooting and is doing an excellent job well recognized by the Imam, Crown Prince and palace entourage.

On March 27 the Imam's doctors determined that x-ray pictures of His Majesty's legs and body would be advisable. Since the Imam could (or would) not be removed to the hospital Prince Abdul Rahman, the Imam's youngest brother, appealed to me for help. I therefore flew in a special Yemeni plane to Asmara where the Kagnew Station authorities were most helpful in making available the only portable x-ray machine at the Station Hospital and x-ray technician Paul Baker. X-ray pictures taken the following day revealed that the Imam had a compound fracture of the right femur near the thigh caused by one of the bullets. This information brought forth a call for an orthopedic surgeon from Italy who is expected about April 3 or 4. As promised the x-ray machine was returned to Kagnew Station March 31. However since the surgeon will undoubtedly wish x-ray pictures taken periodically of the Imam's leg and since the Imam has no intention, for security as well as comfort reasons, of going to the hospital, the Legation has requested the Department's assistance in obtaining on temporary loan another portable x-ray machine possibly from US military sources.

Within three days after the shooting another young army officer, Abdullah LUQIYA of the detachment guarding the new Russian-built Hodeida port was seized on charges of involvement in the assassination attempt. Despite subjection to the not-so-tender ministrations of the Imam's police, Luqiya appears to have revealed nothing so far of interest to the committee which the Imam has set up to investigate the incident. Among a number of other young Yemeni officers and officials who have been arrested and jailed are the Director of the Hodeida Hospital Hussin al-MAQDAMI, an official of the passport office in Hodeida named Muhammad RIF'AT and several members of the Russian trained port fire brigade.

To date nothing more enlightening has been forthcoming officially regarding possible motives for the shooting than a hackneyed government announcement blaming the assassination attempt on "the imperialists." The Imam's young nephew Prince Hassan ibn 'ALI confirmed to me March 31 that the investigating committee had made little progress up to that time. Prince Hassan gave as his personal opinion that no more than five or six persons were involved and that there was no reason to think that they had been inspired from abroad. I have the strong feeling that the Prince would have liked to

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add "in other words almost any of the younger generation of Yemenis could have done it."

Despite the present lack of evidence pointing to any particular group or motive, there are some interesting leads to contemplate. For one thing the leading suspects mentioned above and the suicide 'Unfi are reportedly all from Sana'a whose population, along with the Northern tribes, is considered the most bitterly opposed to the Imam of all Yemenis. In addition the Director of the Hospital al-MAQDAMI is considered by many to be pro-Egyptian and reportedly narrowly avoided arrest when the Imam returned from Italy in 1959. Informed Yemenis have frequently expressed their concern at the pro-Soviet or at least revolutionary attitude of young officials working with the Russians at the port or the Chinese Communists on the Hodeida-Sana'a road. Luqiya of the port guard and members of the port fire brigade could well share such views. The foregoing thoughts indicate the possibility that those who sought to kill Imam Ahmad, coming from the area of most active discontent with the Imam, were at least indirectly inspired by the revolutionary examples of the Communist Bloc and Egypt. The recent experiences of Emperor Haile SELASSIE and word of continuing unrest in nearby Ethiopia could also have breathed encouragement into them. Delving further into the realm of speculation, one cannot avoid mentioning the possibility that the attempted assassination was the work of one or more of the Free Yemeni groups, operating perhaps from Aden or the Protectorate. It has been refreshing however to note that so far, despite vague reference to "the imperialists," the British have not this time been accused of plotting against the Imam and his regime.

It is an obvious truism to state that the assassination attempt reflects the degree of discontent in Yemen, and there is no doubt that more Yemenis wish Imam Ahmad dead than wish him to remain alive. Nevertheless the incident has pointed out other factors in the situation in Yemen today. It is particularly interesting to note that there was not a single sign of action in support of the would-be assassins in any part of Yemen, including Hodeida itself. Assuming the complete absence of a coordinated plot (which was probably the case) one might have thought that some other daring souls among the discontented would by this time have also wished to demonstrate their true feelings in some way. Lack of modern communications does not adequately explain this phenomenon, especially with respect to Hodeida, since news of this sort travels long distances with remarkable speed in Yemen. One important explanation lies in the tremendous personal power and prestige of the Imam himself. Except on occasion and in the relatively inaccessible reaches of the inner desert, no Yemeni would dream of initiating a plan of revolution which did not include the assassination of the Imam as the first step, for the Imam to many is supernatural and to the rest he has demonstrated an awesome ability to recover from the most serious setbacks. As long as the Imam lives, the risks involved in opposing him are too terrible for all but the most intrepid (or mad) to contemplate.

The incident has also emphasized the almost total lack of organization of any sort in Yemen today or indeed of any understanding of the concept of organization except in religious and tribal matters. Not only is there no organized opposition (and the Imam sees to that in a most astute way) but, as anyone knows who has seen the stark fear and bewilderment on the faces of the Imam's family and government officials during the last few days, most people see only a vast void beyond the person of Imam Ahmad. The Imam is everything. In his shadow there is perspective. Beyond it is chaos. In the extreme circumstances of the first several days after the

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shooting no one appeared to find relief in the image of the Crown Prince if indeed they saw him in the picture at all.

Contributing mightily to the inability of the Yemenis to organize and cooperate among themselves in pursuit of specific aims is their innate suspicion of each other as well as of those from outside. Yemen remains steeped in corruption and treachery and only a most determined or foolhardy man like 'Unfi is willing to take the long shot - perhaps with no more in mind for the future than fulfilling a cherished and bitter dream of revenge for his personal frustrations. As many as were with him when he plotted his move will melt away if possible or curse his soul before the investigating committee if they can thereby avoid the Imam's headsmen. It seems unlikely that they had any clear idea of the regime that would follow the present one or of a new program for the country.

There will be other 'Unfis in the future as there have been in the past and some day one may succeed in his purpose. If that day should arrive within the next year only the Bloc with its fingers already deep in the Yemeni pie is likely to be the beneficiary. The specter of precisely such a development arose in Hodeida last week. A far more significant event however is also in store and that is the eventual arrival on the Yemeni scene of a leader with the ability to tap and organize for his own ends the great reservoir of popular discontent present in the country today. Only determined political and economic action by the West on a continuing basis will prevent a product of Moscow or Peking from successfully assuming such a role and making of Yemen a core of hostility and insecurity in the strategic Red Sea area.

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For William A. Stoltzfus, Jr.

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AL-HASSAN HAS DEPARTED NEW YORK BY AIR FOR YEMEN AND EXPECTED
ARRIVE TAIZ WITHIN WEEK. EN ROUTE HE WILL STOP AT JIDDA FOR
TALK WITH KING SAUD.WHEN I VENTURE OPINION CROWN PRINCE LIKELY BE APPREHENSIVE
PARTICULARLY OVER HASSAN-SAYF CONTACT, AL-WAZIR REPLIED: "OF
COURSE BADR WILL NOT LIKE IT. BUT IT SO HAPPENS HE HAS NOT
BEEN TOLD YET. AL-HASSAN IS SEEING KING SAUD ON SECRET ORDERS
OF IMAM."I ASKED AL-WAZIR RE RECENT RUMORS IMAM MIGHT ABDICATE IN FAVOR
OF BADR. AL-WAZIR REPLIED "NOT EXACTLY." IT WAS MOST
IMPORTANT HOWEVER HE SAID THAT SUPREME EFFORT BE MADE BRING
ABOUT RAPPROACHMENT BETWEEN HASSAN AND BADR "IT WILL BE VERY
DIFFICULT," HE ADMITTED, "BUT WE MUST TRY. OPPOSITION TO US
(ROYAL FAMILY AND UPPER CLASS SAYYIDS) GROWING VERY POWERFUL
AND WE MUST DO SOMETHING NOW TO BRING FAMILY TOGETHER."IN ANSWER MY QUESTION AL-WAZIR SAID INTERNAL POLITICAL SITU-
ATION NOW CRITICAL. "PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN BUILDING
UP FOR FOUR YEARS" (I.E. SINCE COMMUNIST BLOC FIRST ENTERED
YEMEN) AND WE NOW IN GREATER DANGER THAN EVER BEFORE. WE
GREATLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT SUPPORT TOO
WEAK. OPPOSITION GROWING MORE POSITIVE EVERY DAY AND USING

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DELAYS IN US ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM AS WEAPONS TO PROVE THEY ARE YEMENS TRUE FRIENDS NOT US AND WEST. THEIR ARGUMENTS INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST OURS. BELIEVE ME SITUATION IS HIGHLY DANGEROUS FOR US AND FOR YOU."

AL-WAZIR DEFINED "OPPOSITION" AS SOVIETS, CHICOMS, EGYPTIANS AND FREE YEMENIS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CIVILIAN, MILITARY AND TRIBAL SUPPORTERS. "THERE ARE MANY YEMENI PATRIOTS AMONG FREE YEMENIS," HE SAID "BUT THEY AGAINST HASHEMITE FAMILY." (ROYAL FAMILY INCLUDING AL-WAZIR BRANCH IS HASHEMITE). WE REFUSE PAY FOR MISTAKES OF OUR FAMILY ELSEWHERE BY GIVING UP OUR RIGHTS HERE WITHOUT A FIGHT."

COMMENT: I READ PRESENT SITUATION AS FOLLOWS: IMAM, ROYAL FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS BELIEVE REVOLUTION INCLUDING ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON IMAM'S LIFE POSSIBLE AT ANY MOMENT. IN THAT EVENT, AS MATTERS NOW STAND, BADR BY HIMSELF TOO WEAK TO PRESERVE ROYAL FAMILY ROLE OF AND/OR YEMEN AND TIMELY "SELL YEMEN (AND REST OF ROYAL FAMILY) OUT" TO COMMUNIST BLOC OR EGYPTIANS. WITH IMAM DEAD AND BADR STILL UNRECONCILED WITH

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COUNTRY AND POSSIBLY CIVIL WAR. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
THEREFORE THAT ROYAL FAMILY URGENTLY ENDEAVOR PATCH UP HASSAN-
BADR RULE NO MATTER HOW HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS MAY BE.
RAPPROCHEMENT WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE ON BASIS BADRA AS
RULER WITH HASSAN AS PRIME MINISTER.

ADVANCE HASSAN-KING SAUD TALK IS PRESUMABLY MOVE BY IMAM
TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF HIS RICH ROYAL NEIGHBOR FOR PLANNED
RAPPROCHEMENT ON BASIS THIS ONLY WAY HAMID AL-DIN FAMILY
CAN BE PRESERVED AND "WE KINGS AND ROYAL FAMILIES MUST
STICK TOGETHER." AS ANTI-COMMUNIST HASSAN IS BEST QUALIFIED
TO CONTACT SAUD. ONE OF HASSAN'S TASKS WILL BE TO CONVINCE
KING SAUD TO DROP HIS OPPOSITION TO BADR WHOM HE ONCE MADE
HIS SON-IN-LAW AND LATER TURNED AGAINST BECAUSE OF BADR'S
COMMIE LEANINGS. IF HE NOT ALREADY TO HEAVILY COMMITTED
TO BLOC OR EGYPTIANS, BADR MIGHT BE MORE AMENABLE TO
COOPERATING WITH HASSAN IF HE KNEW HE HAD IN RETURN THE
SUPPORT OF RICH KING SAUD.

AGREE WITH DEPT THAT CHANCES OF REAL HASSAN-BADR
RAPPROCHEMENT ARE NOT BRIGHT. ASIDE FROM DEEP SCHISM
BETWEEN BADR AND HASSAN THEMSELVES, OPPONENTS OF ROYAL
FAMILY WILL USE ALL WEAPONS AT THEIR COMMAND INCLUDING
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SOVIETS AND CHICOMS WILL BE IN VANGUARD OF OPPOSITION. DESPITE RISKS HOWEVER MUST BE ADMITTED THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FROM US POINT OF VIEW, AND I THEREFORE RECOMMEND WE SEEK SOME WAY TO ENCOURAGE IT ACTIVELY. AMONG POSSIBILITIES ARE US APPROACH IMMEDIATELY TO KING SAUD WITH SUGGESTION IT WOULD BE TO HIS OWN INTEREST THAT HE PROVIDE FINANCIAL AS WELL AS PERSONAL INDUCEMENT TO HASSAN AND BADR TO BURY HATCHET. FOR OUR PART I BELIEVE WE SHOULD GUARANTEE GOY ALL-OUT SUPPORT COMPLETE TAIZ WATER AND ROAD PROJECTS IN QUICKEST TIME POSSIBLE AND OFFER WATER PROJECT FOR HODEIDA IN FY 1962 AND WATER PROJECT FOR SANAA NEXT YEAR. FACT THAT SUCH ASSURANCES WOULD COINCIDE WITH ARRIVAL HASSAN IN YEMEN WOULD BE ALL TO GOOD IN MY OPINION. MAIN PURPOSE OF REDOUBLED EFFORT NOW IS NOT TO PERPETUATE ROYAL FAMILY BUT TO PREVENT EARLY BREAK-UP OF ORDER IN YEMEN THUS ALLOWING COMMIES, ONLY ONES EFFECTIVELY ON SCENE AT MOMENT, TO PICK UP THE PIECES.

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DEPTEL 171.-

Discussed possible treatment Imam at Landstuhl with German Charge Steffen 20th. He sympathetic FRG cooperation in project and pouching report 25th. Has no objection Embassy Bonn discussing with FRG officials before receipt report Bonn and his own arrival on leave and consultation. (departs Taiz 25th).

Re transportation: We should keep in mind Imam's planes have Russian or Yugoslav crews, who presumably cannot be permitted enter defense complex surrounding Landstuhl. Subject views his Government Steffen thought Lufthansa plane might rendezvous with GOY plane at Beirut or Rome. MECOM short of pilots, who have tight supply schedule, but will explore this possibility at first opportunity. Cairo Attache plane good idea if clearance and scheduling problems can be overcome. (Imam would probably prefer avoid passing through Cairo).

Pending return Crown Prince Badr (date still unknown) will seek means bringing Landstuhl possibility to Imam's attention informally, in hope eliciting firm decision shortly after Badr arrives as basis further planning.

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Taiz telegram sent Department 196, repeated Jidda 62, Cairo 13, London 3.

Yemeni Minister to Saudi Arabia stated November 22 that Crown Prince Badr, whom he said was still in Cairo, would not visit Saudi Arabia, since his commitment to do so had been personal one to King Saud from which he now dispensed by illness of King and his absence from country.

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SUBJECT: Conversation with Prince Abdullah Ibn al-HASAN, November 26, 1961.

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(Abdullah is one of Seif al-Islam HASAN's six sons. He is twenty-three years old, married, and has a daughter of four and a son of six months. He is short, perhaps only five feet tall, slender, of rather dark complexion with the typical enormous Hamid al-Din eyes and beaked nose. He spent two and a half years with his father in New York, where he worked on the staff of the Yemen U.N. Delegation. He is actively pro-Hasan, anti-Communist, anti-Egyptian, and pro-U.S. He speaks fair English. Abdullah lives at Sana'a and takes care of his family's estates in that area.)

Prince Abdullah called at his own request in the company of Muhammad Abd al-Rahman al-MAKHIDHI, an impoverished young Sayyed who frequents the palace at Taiz.

Perhaps reflecting his experience in the U.S., Abdullah came straight to the point of his visit, without following the usual custom of exhausting every possible alternate topic before revealing the purpose of the call. Sana'a, he said, was flooded with Communist propaganda, much of which consisted of criticism of the United States, which he knew from personal experience was untrue. As no U.S. representatives were in Sana'a, and few other non-Communists, no information counteracting this propaganda reaches the people of Northern Yemen, the traditional cultural, religious and political center of the country. He felt so strongly that the American side of the story should be heard that he would like himself to undertake distribution in Sana'a of USIS periodicals and pamphlets. He could, he said, place at least 100 copies of each publication. Bulk packages could be given to Muhammad al-Makhzumi, who would see that they were sent to him on the regular weekly Yemen Government plane from Taiz to Sana'a. In response to the reporting officer's question, he expressed full confidence that

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such an operation would raise no problem with the Yemen Government, either for himself or for the Legation. The reporting officer agreed to see what materials might be available at the Legation to make up an initial package which the Prince could take with him to Sana'a the following day, (this was done that afternoon) and would endeavor to have additional copies of USIS publications sent to Taiz to be forwarded to Sana'a for distribution.

The reporting officer asked Prince Abdullah concerning "suq rumors" of numerous arrests in Taiz and Sana'a beginning November 13. (Legtels 196 and 201.) He said about fifty per cent of these rumors were true. A conspiracy had been discovered to assassinate the Imam and Crown Prince on the latter's return from Cairo. The acting Amil of Sana'a, Abd as-Salaam SABRA, was among those detained. He made no mention of Seif al-Islam al-Hasan in connection with the plot, which he believed was organized by Free Yemenis under Egyptian influence. He considered that a coup of the sort contemplated would create chaos in Yemen and make the country easy prey for the Communists and Egyptians.

Abdullah asserted that Ahmad Abu ZAID, NASSER's representative in Yemen, (whom he aptly nicknamed "the ox") distributes money to numerous people in Yemen, including Colonel Abdullah al-SALLAL, Garrison Commander at Sana'a. All of the recipients are either Communists or Communist-sympathizers. Abu Zaid's background in military intelligence, he said, is perfectly consonant with Egypt's objectives in Yemen. Asked what these were, he defined them as extension of Egyptian control over the country, elimination of the monarchy and introduction of the socialist system instituted in Egypt itself. Nasser's equating of socialism and Islam in his speech the previous day, Abdullah said, indicated ignorance of the Islamic religion on the speaker's part.

The Prince attributed the extension of Badr's stay in Cairo to investigation of the conspiracy mentioned above. The Crown Prince, he said, is a Communist and completely under the thumb of the Egyptians. The reporting officer expressed doubt that Badr is a communist or even a socialist, as there is no place in either of those systems for the position of Imam or King, to which he aspires. Abdullah conceded that Badr may simply feel he needs the Communists' support. He commented that Badr has few supporters in the country, and that those who profess to support him are insincere opportunists and will betray him at the first available opportunity.

On the other hand, the "Hasaniyya" (the movement in favor of al-Hasan's succession) is very strong and growing. Abdullah had been present with his father last August when the people of Sana'a gave him a tumultuous welcome and pulled him from his car to carry him on their shoulders. Abdullah frequently travels in Yemen to propagandize for al-Hasan, and had recently been to Ibb to revive his father's memory as Na'ib there.

Upon taking leave, Abdullah and Muhammad held up the walking-sticks they were carrying, and said they were the symbol of the Hasaniyya. They offered to provide the reporting officer with one; the offer was politely declined.

Department please pass
Cairo, Beirut, Jidda, Aden.

Robert W. Stookey

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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Dear Alex:

Your letter, 23 November 1961, requesting military medical support for the Imam of Yemen has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Army for favorable consideration. It was indicated that the medical support necessary for the Imam be furnished in accordance with preliminary discussions held by representatives of your Department and the Department of the Army.

Sincerely,

Russell Gelpi

Honorable U. Alexis Johnson
Deputy Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs
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SUBJECT: Report on Imam Ahmad's Health

Enclosed is a report on the current status of the Imam's health prepared by Lt. Col. Ashford, Attache of this Legation. The report notes some improvement in the Imam's causalgia, and suggests that the earlier recommendation for a stellate ganglionectomy may require reconsideration.

Robert W. Stookey

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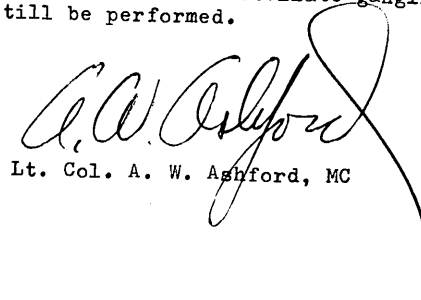
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MEDICAL PROGRESS NOTE ON THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE IMAM OF YEMEN

30 November 1961.

Since the last evaluation of the Imam's cardiac condition two weeks ago he was advised in a written document reported by five doctors that digitalization would be beneficial to his respiration and circulation. The Imam gave considerable personal study to the drug digitalis and mentioned the fact that an overdose of digitalis was a fatal poison. He stated that he would prefer to postpone taking digitalis until after the arrival of the Crown Prince. Since the arrival of the Crown Prince two days ago the Imam has been in much better humor than usual and has manifested much less interest in his own physical complaints. Yesterday his blood pressure was 185/100, pulse 106, respiration 32 in semi-recumbent position and temperature 96.8 P.O. (the Imam always breathes through his mouth when his temperature is being taken). The Imam has manifested some distrust for his Egyptian doctor who would be the logical one to supervise administration of digitalis because of his background in internal medicine. It is the opinion of the undersigned that digitalization would be very beneficial to the Imam and that it could be best accomplished in a modern hospital rather than in the palace.

Three days ago the Imam admitted to me for the first time that there were short segments of time when he would feel no pain in the left upper extremity. However, he states that the pain still returns following some slight stimulation and when it does it is just as severe as ever. Obviously, there is some improvement in his chief complaint of causalgia which brings up the question of whether stellate gangliectomy is a procedure which must still be performed.


Lt. Col. A. W. Ashford, MC

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 223, INFORMATION CAIRO 18, AMMAN 4, JIDDA 68.

Crown Prince Badr returned direct from Cairo November 28. Legation understands he refused follow Imam's instructions visit Amman en route. Refusal suggest Egyptian ascendancy over Badr unimpaired.

Badr accompanied by Colonel Hammud Al-Jaifi, former Commander Sanaa Military College, who arrested last January, escaped in May and has recently been in Europe for medical treatment.

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TO: The American Legation, TAIZ

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The Legation's Despatch 21 of October 22, 1961 containing a translation of the Imam's radio address of October 13, 1961 has been checked by INR/RNA/NE against the Arabic text also submitted in the same despatch and the following observations are hereby made:

The initiative and effort exerted by the Legation in securing the original text of the address and in translating it are most commendable, particularly in view of its importance and the controversy that has arisen over its interpretation. The background information on the address supplied by the Deputy Foreign Minister Abu Talib contributes materially to its interpretation.

The archaic nature of the content of the address is very striking. This applies not only to the language, but also the conceptual framework. The sole traces of modern influence are the references to the radio (omitted in the translation), the Christian date, and the "imperialist enemy."

As to the translation itself, the general quality is excellent and it has felicitously solved a number of tricky translation problems. The English is generally smooth and idiomatic. There are only two points of important substance regarding which some comment is in order (references are the pagination and paragraphing in the Legation's translation):

Page 1, para. 6, line 3: The clause "or should we fail to assist those who rally around Him and cleave to Him in adversity" represents an incorrect translation resulting from the misinterpretation of the first verb in the clause, which is nu'ayyin (appoint), not nu'in (assist). The correct rendition is: "...and fail to appoint someone around whom they could rally and to whom they could cleave in adversity."

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Page 1, para. 7, lines 11-12: The clause "We have ordained him to act on our behalf...." perhaps is a little too freely rendered, in view of its importance. A stricter rendering would be: "We have appointed him as a deputy of ours (nā'iban 'annā)" It will be noted that it does not say "the deputy of ours" or "our deputy," or "our successor," which conforms to the need for calculated ambiguity referred to on page 2 of the Legation's despatch.

Observations of lesser import are as follows:

Page 1, para. 2, line 2: The expression 'alayhi atawakkil does not mean "Whose agent I am," but "upon Whom I rely." This is of some importance since the caliphal title of the Imamī family is al-Mutawakkil 'ala Allāh -- "he who relies on God."

Page 1, para. 7, line 2: The word subhānahu means "praise [be] to Him," not "the Unblemished."

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Need know soonest whether Imam accepts Germany. Army surgeons involved may be unavailable January. Understand longer operation put off, less likelihood success.

US military transportation unavailable. Hope FRG can assist transportation, housing for retinue and facilities Imam's recuperation. Report FRG response to Steffen.

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 239, INFORMATION BONN 2, JIDDA 71

Department telegram 191.

Informed Abu Talib Army surgeons not available January.

Doubt Imam will decide travel abroad for medical treatment December, and believe likelihood his departure at any time diminishing. However, hope Army and FRG will remain prepared respond to contingency if Imam desires treatment February or later. In view factors noted Legation telegram 200 suggest possibility AF transportation Rome-Landstuhl be considered.

Causalgia pains Imam's left arm markedly eased, blood pressure greatly diminished, and narcotic intake reduced to insignificance. Credit this improvement largely due Colonel Ashford, who has won acceptance his recommendations through consummate tact and patience over grave obstacle ignorance and political jockeying by Imam's other medical advisors. Request Department express to Army Department Legation's appreciation services this fine officer whose professional competence and diplomatic attitude reflect great credit on US Army.

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SUBJECT: Al Hamid al-Din, Yemen's Royal House

The present despatch is intended to present as complete a picture as possible of the composition of Yemen's royal family. It is based on a family tree made available by the British Legation in Taiz, which the Legation has supplemented and brought up to date with its own sources of information. The material is presented in narrative form, rather than as a diagram, since the family is too numerous to be accommodated on one page.

I. The Imam's immediate family is composed of the descendants of his father, Imam Yahya, who was murdered in 1948. The lettered sections below indicate Imam Yahya's children by his various wives, his grandchildren being mentioned in paragraphs headed by Arabic numerals.

A. Imam Ahmad.

1. al-Badr Mohammad (Crown Prince and heir apparent)
2. Abbas and Abdullah, young sons of the Imam ineligible for succession to the Imamate because their mothers were not wives of Sayyid families.
3. Daughter, married to Sayyid Ahmad Mohammad Zabarah, President of the Supreme Court at Taiz.
4. Daughter, married to Sayyid Abdullah Abd al-Karim, Minister of State resident at Taiz.

Al-Badr Mohammad. - drowned in 1923, survived by a daughter.

Amat Illah - married Ali al-Shami, by whom she had a son, Mohammad, formerly Na'ib of Beida.

Shams al-Hur - married Hussein al-Kibsi, by whom she had a son, Ahmad, Amil of 'Usab.

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B. Seif al-Islam al-Hassan (Yemen delegate to the United Nations.)

1. Yahya
2. Mohammad
3. Abdullah - resident in Sana'a, where he looks after his father's properties and political interests (see LegDesp 34, November 29)
4. Hassan, Charge d'Affaires of the Yemen Legation in Addis Ababa. While he has presented his credentials to the Emperor, he is taking an unconscionable long time in settling down at his post. As of the date of this despatch, he had returned to Yemen after an extended stay in Europe.
5. Ahmad
6. Ali
7. Hussein
8. Five daughters

Hussein (killed in 1948.)

1. Yahya - First Secretary, Yemen Legation, Beirut
2. Ahmad
3. Ali
4. Hassan
5. Mohammad - one of six Yemeni Ministers on the Council of the United Arab States in Cairo. (Reportedly the local leader of Seif al-Islam al-Hassan's supporters. Outspokenly anti-Communist, anti-Badr, and reformist.)

Mutahhir (died in 1953)

1. Yahya (died in 1956)

Umm Hani - married Abd al-Rahman al-Shami, by whom she had two sons, Ahmad, and Mohammad who died in 1958.

Amat al-Rahman - married Abd al-Quddus al-Wazir: 2 sons, Mohammad (Charge d'Affaires of the Yemen Legation in Rome) and Abd al-Karim (Chief of Intelligence and Security in Taiz, and a close advisor of Imam Ahmad.)

C. Seif al-Islam Ali - at one time Ali attempted to take an interest and an active part in public affairs. Imam Ahmad, however, jealous of his own absolute authority, refused to allow him any significant role. In disillusion, Ali resorted to the solace of drink. The Imam at one time repeatedly placed him in chains for drunkenness, but appears now to have given him up as incorrigible. Ali presides with grace now and then over routine public ceremonies, deputizing for Ahmad.

1. Hassan - the Imam's "Deputy" in Cairo, i.e. his personal representative to President Nasser, under the UAS structure. In his middle twenties, Hassan is one of the most attractive

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members of the royal family. Until his departure from Yemen in July 1961, he appeared to be pro-West, and to have reformist and progressive principles. He has great personal ambition, and works hard to cultivate popularity and to organize a personal following. Certain Zeidis, both Sayyids and Qadis, are reportedly grooming him as an alternate to Crown Prince Badr as successor to Imam Ahmad.

2. Hussein
3. Ali

D. Abdullah (executed 1955)

Ibrahim (poisoned 1949)

1. Muhammad

Ismail - preceded Hassan bin Ali as Imam's representative in Cairo, and had previously been Yemen Charge in Baghdad. Appointed Minister to Bonn July 1961, but served only briefly and is now back in Yemen with no particular function. His service in Cairo was marked by difficulties (Egyptian-inspired) with Yemeni students there and by his practice of appropriating a large proportion of the funds allocated for his mission's employees salaries to his own use. Ismail is known as a rather flagrant homosexual.

1. Mohammad - a handsome young man in his early twenties, now a student in Germany.

Yahya (died 1950)

Amat al-Khaliq

E. Qasim (died 1956, survived by four fat sons:

1. Mohammad - President of the Sana'a Electric Power Company. Travels intensively around the country; while his trips are probably for political purposes, his exact sentiments are not as yet clear to the Legation.
2. Abdullah - an official of the Taiz Telephone Company.
3. Hussein - appointed 'Charge' of the Yemen Legation in Belgrade November 1961. He left Taiz rather abruptly, amid souq rumors that he was engaged in conspiracy against Crown Prince Badr.
4. Ismail

Abbas (executed 1955)

Muhsin (killed 1948)

1. Mohammad

F. Taqiyyah - twice married: First to Abdullah Ali al-Wazir, by whom she had four sons, Abdul Rahman, Mohammad, Hussein and Muhsin. Second to Ahmad al-Kibsi, by whom she had a son, Mohammad, (Amil of Rus).

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G. Seif al-Islam Abd al-Rahman - an outspoken opponent of Crown Prince Badr. After the attempt on Imam Ahmad's life in March 1961, he felt his personal safety endangered, and he went abroad, ostensibly for the purpose of marriage with a Lebanese girl. Despite repeated invitations by the Imam to return to Yemen, he has so far elected to remain in Europe, particularly in Italy. As furniture is now being installed in his new Taiz house, however, he may intend to return shortly. He has reformist and progressive principles, and probably some personal ambition beyond blocking Badr's succession. Sympathetic to the United States and the West, and opposed to the spread of Sino-Soviet Bloc influence in Yemen.

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The Legation recognizes that the foregoing list may omit some of Imam Yahya's descendants in the third generation, but believes that all members of the ruling house of present political consequence are mentioned.


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